

Navy News

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MORE SEA ROOM FOR BRITAIN

THIS MONTH the United Kingdom grows half as big again — giving the Royal Navy more room to manoeuvre and almost everyone else a lot less where it counts most.

The expansion of our territorial waters from three miles to 12 was incorporated in an Act of Parliament which received Royal Assent on May 15 and takes effect from October 1.

Within those waters "innocent" passage by merchant ships is allowed — but they must not loiter.

So, for example, the Russian spy ship or "intelligence gatherer" which sits off Malin Head to watch for submarines coming out of the Clyde must shift away from North Channel, which now falls totally within territorial waters.

Fishing

She must, in fact, move either well outside Skye to the north west or down west of the Isle of Man.

Fishing regulations, according to the Hydrographer's territorial waters officer (Lieut.-Cdr. Christopher Carleton) do not alter very much. Here a 12-mile limit already exists and this will change only in a few places.

"But by extending to 12 miles we have created three international passage straits which will lie within territorial waters — Dover, North Channel and the Fairisle Gap.

"We are also much better placed to help the Customs and Immigration authorities, whenever they call upon us to give chase."

Smuggling

Until now the right of "hot pursuit" to go after drug smugglers and the like has been difficult to apply within the narrow confines of a three-mile strip. Now there will be much less opportunity for the wrongdoer to make a bolt for it.

The French have for some time claimed much more than three miles — one system of accounting, it is said, actually incorporates Dover High Street! Now, a median line has been drawn down the centre of the

Channel to give a fair division.

The position of the Channel Islands, however, remains unchanged, as does the Isle of

Man. Their waters will still be bounded at three miles, pending separate legislation.

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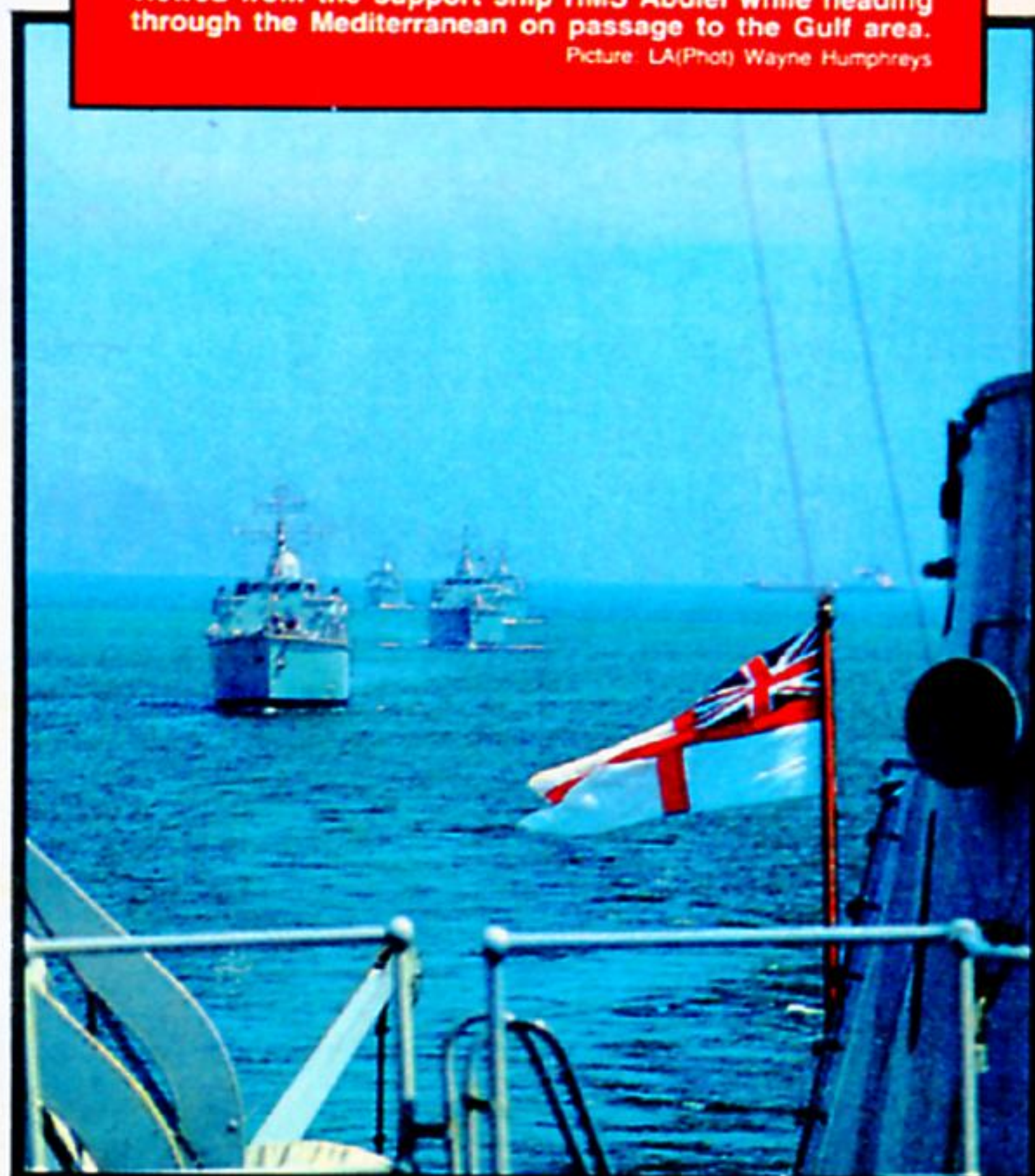
**MEET THE
'A' TEAM!**

Dressed for the occasion against a late summer sky, HM ships Amazon, Argonaut and Ambuscade form a proud trio at Plymouth Navy Days. See "Record days for Guzz," Page 9.

Picture: HMS Drake Photographic Section.

IN THE HUNT

The four Hunt-class ships of the Gulf MCM task group, viewed from the support ship HMS Abdiel while heading through the Mediterranean on passage to the Gulf area. Picture: LA(Phot) Wayne Humphreys



PLAYING IT COOL IN A HOT-SPOT

WITH the problems of safeguarding international shipping lanes in the Gulf in the forefront of the news, the Royal Navy's continuing patrol role, plus arrival of its minesweeping force, is keeping the Service in the public eye.

Recent "softly-softly" passages through the Strait of Hormuz by one of the current Armilla frigates, HMS Andromeda, typify activity of this non-provocative patrol.

Media men have noted the six hours on, six hours off defence watch routine; the often demanding working conditions; and the constant need to maintain alertness and combat boredom — all against background of broiling heat and humidity.

Patrol work routine controls aspects of life from the bowels of the engine and boiler room, where temperatures of up to 148 degrees F are recorded, to the upper deck, where crews man the short-range guns.

All suspicious floating objects are investigated, often with the use of helicopter. Sometimes these prove to be cardboard boxes or old fridges. Even a black plastic bag can look like a mine.

Rendezvous

On one recent patrol the Andromeda made a rendezvous with the mv Isomeria to accompany her on outbound passage from the Gulf. Back in January the Andromeda had been in the vicinity of the Isomeria when an Iranian frigate fired five missiles at the tanker — all of which fortunately missed.

Night passage through the Straits over, the Andromeda made a rendezvous with the supertanker BT Banker for inbound transit. During this she met another of the current Armilla ships, HMS Brazen, accompanying the Banker's sister ship, the BT Broker, outbound.

And so the daily routine of accompanying British Flag merchant ships continues, involving too the third of the current Armilla patrol ships, HMS Edinburgh, which rotates with

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HELPING HANDS

Armilla's Active aid for kids

ANY spare time on Armilla Patrol was put to good use by members of the ship's company of HMS Active, as they concentrated their efforts on raising money for their favourite charities.

In Mombasa LMEM(L) Craig Phillips made a 150-mile sponsored cycle ride to raise £292 for the ship's special charity, the Burnley General Hospital's Special Care Baby Unit. The Unit also benefited from a "village fete" which included such attractions as an unlucky dip fruit machine and a treasure hunt, and made £461.

The CPOs Mess entered into the spirit of fund-raising by filling a bottle with coins to be presented to Mount Tamar School in Plymouth. It is estimated that the bottle holds between £400 and £500, but no one will know for sure until it is broken open at the school.

CRS Symms made his own special collection on board, in aid of the 49th Fife Venture Scouts who are making a trip to Luxembourg. He raised £45 to help towards expenses.

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A team of seven ratings from HM Naval Base, Portsmouth, took only 5 hr. 45 min. to row a whaler right round Portsea

Island, a distance of some 20 miles.

Their efforts raised £400 for the children's ward at RN Hospital Haslar, and the money will go towards educational computer equipment and a portable colour screen.

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The money raised by the sponsored cycle run from Portsmouth to St. Ives by six members of the crew of HMS Nurton, has now all been collected. The final total of £723.40 will go to the Macmillan Nursing Cancer Relief Fund.

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Nearly £1,000 was raised by 20 Service personnel from RN air station Yeovilton and Plymouth Command, when they took part in a sponsored assault course at CTCRM Lymington.

This is enough money to send four handicapped children to Lourdes with the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust, St. N, at Easter.

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When PO Trevor Glass of RNAS Yeovilton heard that his sister was receiving treatment at

the Cobalt cancer unit in Cheltenham, he sprang into action, and with fellow ratings and officers, organised a 48-hour darts marathon, a 120-mile sponsored bike ride and a raffle.

These events, together with the sale of some T-shirts, raised more than £1,000 which was handed to the chairman of the Cobalt Appeal Fund.

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The highlight of their holiday for a group of disabled girls from the Girl Guides Association, Trefoil Guild, was a river trip and picnic lunch, organised by staff at HMS Cochrane.

Vice-Admiral Sir George Vallings, Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, lent his barge for the occasion, and CPO Brian Merrett from the Scotland and Northern Ireland Command Sailing Centre at Port Edgar, served as coxswain.

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Members of HMS Wessex Solent Division RNR, raised £238 to sponsor Samantha Jenkins from Alderney, to spend a fortnight on board the sail training schooner Malcolm Miller.

The sponsorship was

Grand running by joint team

NORTHWOOD HEADQUARTERS



THIS team of combined Royal Navy and Royal Air Force runners from the headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief, Fleet, in Northwood, have every reason to smile as they celebrate raising a magnificent £1,471 in a sponsored run from Northwood to Liverpool.

The team took it in turns to run, each member being on the road for an hour and then riding in the accompanying minibus or car while the others took their turn.

LS Paul Foreman, who works in Admiralty House, organised the event in aid of Alderhay Children's Hospital in Liverpool.

prompted by Solent Division's long association with the Channel Islands, due mainly to visits by Wessex's tender, HMS Itchen.

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During a STANAVFORLANT visit to Flensburg, four ratings from HMS Exeter, CPO Barry Homer, RS Tim Blogg, LS Ray Skinner and LS Andrew Moughton, bench-pressed a total of 200 tons, 50 tons per man.

The event took three hours to complete and raised £300 for the Devon and Exeter Children's Hospital.

It takes all sorts to make a Navy, and that was certainly proved by HMS Dryad's stores department personnel when they dressed up as the liquorice variety for the establishment's "wear what you will" day. Not to be outdone, the physical training staff paraded as guards.

Each member of the ship's company contributed a pound to naval charities for the privilege of being out of uniform for the day, and a total of £325 was raised.

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The League of Friends of the Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth, have bought a Cardiac Monitoring Unit for the intensive care unit.

They raised the money by holding dances, raffles and selling tin foil.

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Ten members of the Artificer Apprentice course at HMS Sultan took part in a sponsored charity pram push at Southsea Castle Meadow in aid of the Angelmann Syndrome Support Group.

ALMEA Willie John presented a cheque for £160 to Mrs Sylvia Woolvern who is the chairman of the organisation, and the daughter of Lieut.-Cdr. Bob Daniel.

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HMS Opossum has maintained close ties with her affiliated charity, the East Anglia Family Help Unit and since adopting the Unit has helped to furnish two rooms.

The Merseyside Submarine Old Comrades Association performed a "Sods Opera" in the Senior Rates Mess in HMS Drake, and raised over £500 for the Unit. Another £200 was added to this by CPO Barry Jenkins who made a sponsored parachute jump.

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A three-legged race by members of the ship's company of HMS London raised £500 for the Evelina Children's Department at Guy's Hospital.

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Over £4,500 has now been raised to go towards buying an adapted vehicle for WEA/A Darren Hackleton who suffered spinal injuries during a rugby match last year.

The money has been raised through various events, the most recent of which was organised by Physical Training Course No. 23 at HMS Temeraire and netted £202.

Darren is now undergoing an intensive course of physiotherapy and occupational therapy at RAF Headley Court in Surrey, and meanwhile a specially designed extension is

being built onto his home in Yorkshire. Any further donations to the fund would be gratefully received and should be sent to Cdr. Weeks, HMS Dolphin. Cheques should be made payable to the Darren Hackleton Fund.

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Sub-Lieut. Bark and LWEM(R) Tomkinson of HMS Opportune braved their commanding officer Lieut.-Cdr. Hibbert who was armed with a cut throat razor in order to raise money for the Liverpool Children's Hospital.

The hairy experience was successful in netting £292 for the submarine's adopted charity.

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Eight members of the Marine Engineering Drafting Office at HMS Centurion took part in a 24-hour sponsored darts marathon and raised £388 for the Special Care Baby Unit at St Mary's Hospital in Portsmouth, and £50 for the HMS Centurion charity chest.

SSAFA's Brilliant success

OVER 1,500 visitors streamed on to HMS Brilliant as she lay moored alongside Coaling Island for the first Gibraltar Naval Base Open Day. The Brilliant, which had just completed a four-week assisted maintenance period, was the star attraction of the open day which raised £1,753 for the Gibraltar section of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association.

This gave a big boost to the Royal Navy's concerted fund-raising effort for the SSAFA section, and put the running total of money collected up to £4,521.

During the open day the resident Lynx Flight and the Gibraltar Squadron of HM ships Cormorant and Hart, performed a search and rescue display, and the First Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment took part in their rigid raiders.

Tours of the naval base and harbour in the fleet tenders were popular, and there were numerous displays sited on Coaling Island, including the first public showing of Gibraltar's land-based Exocet launching system.

Marathon to aid Pincher

COLLEAGUES of Royal Navy diver Mike (Pincher) Marten, who is paralysed from the chest down after breaking his neck in a water-skiing accident, are planning sponsored runs to help him.

A team of 16 organised by shipmates in HMS Chiddingfold aims to run a 500-mile relay from Rosyth Naval Base to the Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, where LS(D) Marten is a patient, between October 26 and 30.

Wheelchair

Half the money raised will go towards a lightweight wheelchair for LS Marten and the remainder towards special equipment for the Duke of Cornwall Spinal Unit at the hospital.

Meanwhile, four members of the Scotland and Northern Ireland Clearance Diving Unit based at Rosyth, are to take part in the next London Marathon, in April, to help Pincher.

Cheques or postal orders for the Odstock run should be made payable to "HMS Chiddingfold (M. Marten / Odstock Hospital Fund)" and sponsor forms are available from LS(D) Gary Cartwright on Portsmouth Naval Base ext. 22468. Forms for the FOSNI divers' marathon can be obtained from CPO Neil at SNICDU, HM Naval Base, Rosyth.



£2,000 journey

FIVE ratings from HMS Dolphin were part of a seven-man team who cycled to Birmingham and back to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust. PO(TS) Steve Twite master-minded the ride, as his daughter six-year old Rebecca suffers from the disease.

The ride was a great success, with only three punctures during the trip, and around £2,000 being raised for the charity.

ST GEORGE TO THE RESCUE

MEMBERS of the St George Division of Britannia Royal Naval College spent a couple of days giving a face-lift to a village hall of the same name at Dittisham.

The Division helped out at St George's village hall and at St Clements churchyard in Dartmouth as part of their course which includes several days undertaking work to assist the local community. Whilst at Dittisham they decided to hold a barbecue for local villagers which was enjoyed by all.

HEATHER JUST MISSES UK TITLE

MILLIONS of television viewers saw Wren Heather Daniels make her way through the eliminating stages of this year's Miss UK competition and go on to become runner-up for the title.

As Miss Maritime Portsmouth, Heather — who featured on our front page in August, just missed the UK title, but made an attractive and popular first runner-up, gaining a prize of £1,000.

Wonderful fun

Obviously enjoying herself at the final, where her supporters included her father, mother, brother and boyfriend, she said "It has been wonderful fun, it really has".

Some time ago Heather, aged 20 and 5ft. 11ins tall, decided she would leave the WRNS next May after three-and-a-half years service. She hopes to start a career in the world of beauty and modelling.

Meanwhile she is still enjoying her work as Education and Training Support Wren in the Regulating School at Whale Island.



Wren Heather Daniels (left) with Miss Derby (Karen Mellor), who became Miss UK, and Miss Swindon (Helen Fairbrother), second runner-up.

Berkeley entry makes it a round dozen for the Hunts

TWELFTH of the Hunt-class mine counter-measures vessels has been undergoing contractors sea trials in the Solent and is due to be accepted into the Royal Navy on November 20.

The Berkeley, built by Vosper Thornycroft (UK) Ltd. at their Southampton yard, is earmarked for the First Mine Counter-Measures Squadron based at Rosyth. She is due to be commissioned in January in the presence of Lady Gerken, the ship's sponsor.

It is hoped to publish a commissioning book, and the senior officer, Lieut.-Cdr. R. J. Hoole, would be pleased to hear from anyone who served in the Hunt-class destroyer of the same name.

Correspondents are asked to write to him at HMS Berkeley, BFPO Ships, supplying their names, addresses and telephone

numbers. He would be grateful for photographs and other memorabilia, which will be returned.

While standing by the Berkeley, the nucleus of the ship's company formed a team which finished first in the HMS Royal Arthur half-marathon. The team comprised the first lieutenant, Lieut. John Murphie, POMEM Bill Halley and PO(MW) Alan Bainbridge.

Many members of the ship's company decorated and laid carpets for the disadvantaged at the Old Pheasantry Country Centre, Reigate.

Team blend for cookery competition

THERE are plans to enter a combined RN-RM team in the British open cookery championships at Hotelympia, taking place in London between January 27 and February 3.

Services Day, for the inter-Service competitions, is Monday, February 1.

Names and details of cooks, caterers and stewards who wish to take part and are considered suitable should be forwarded, via supply and commanding officers, by November 1, to: The Commander, RN Supply School, HMS Raleigh.

Competitors have to join the RN Cookery School, Aldershot, from January 18 to February 4 for training, and for the competition. More details can be obtained from the school's senior cookery training officer on Aldershot Military, ext. 3041.

Sword winner at Manadon

WINNER of the Queen's Sword at the RN Engineering College, Manadon is Sub-Lieut. John Lewis.

The sword is awarded annually to engineer officers who have completed their three-year course and post-graduate training, and who have gained the best leadership results.

John was presented with the sword by the Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, Admiral Sir John Woodward, who also presented degrees and academic prizes at the college's graduation ceremony.

Field-gunners tests start

APTITUDE tests for prospective field gunners for next year's Portsmouth Command team are now taking place at the Field Gun Shed, Whale Island, at 1645 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For further information contact the first trainer at HMS Nelson (EAC), Whale Island, tel. Naval Base ext. 25814 or 25130.

Onslaught jubilee

HM submarine Onslaught's 25th birthday celebration will take place in HMS Dolphin on November 7, not on the previously-advertised date. Past ship's company members are welcome and the contact is CPO Brain, HMS Onslaught.

ROYAL VISITORS FOR ROTHESAY AND BIRMINGHAM

Steak Diana twice, please

TWO Sailors who raised £70 for Help the Aged were rewarded royally — by being served lunch by the Princess of Wales on board their ship, HMS Rothesay.

WTRs Malcolm Pounder and Sean Robinson were among many of the ship's company to meet the Princess and Prince Charles when the Royal couple embarked in the Rothesay for passage to attend the annual Highland Games on the Isle of Bute.

During their trip from Fairlie Jetty to the Bute town of Rothesay the Prince and Princess of Wales met as many of the ship's company as possible. Princess Diana stirred the Rothesay's Christmas pudding, while Prince Charles presented four Long Service and Good Conduct Medals.

Later the Princess took a turn at the throttles in the engine room.

Tug-of-war

At the games, the Royal couple — who also hold the titles of Duke and Duchess of Rothesay — watched a 12-man team from the ship put up a good display, especially in the tug-of-war event.

HMS Rothesay is the oldest frigate in the Fleet, and the occasion may have been one of the last opportunities for the Prince and Princess to take passage in her to Rothesay.

It was the second royal event in a week for the ship. Earlier she escorted the Norwegian royal yacht Norge during King Olav's visit to Kirkwall in the Orkneys.

A 21-gun salute was sounded as the Norge and HNoMS Stavanager anchored in Shapinsay Sound where a 50-man guard under the direction of Lieut. Stuart Barrand was inspected by King Olav and Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

When the King left, the Rothesay cheered ship in pouring rain.



Princess Diana serves up lunch in HMS Rothesay's galley, and (below) stirs the ship's Christmas pud with LCK Clark, PO Lovell and LCK Nellies.



Sharp-end view of HMS Birmingham during sea trials.

Prince Charles plans to make Brum's big day

REDEDICATION of HMS Birmingham at Portsmouth will be attended on October 29 by the Prince of Wales.

The destroyer emerged from a two-year refit which has given her the best air-defence weapons of any Type 42 in the Fleet: she has become the first to be equipped with the fast-firing, hard-hitting Vulcan Phalanx guns.

Two of the Dalek-like weapons have been placed one each side of the ship's funnel.

Commanding officer of the Birmingham is Cdr. Roy Clare, who, as a junior officer, was Prince Charles's first lieutenant in HMS Bronington in 1976.

The Birmingham was due to return to her base port at the beginning of October following trials out of her refit port, Rosyth. The work has geared up the ship for service to the year 2000, and includes new

sonar, a jammer and more communications and data link equipment. She has also become the first Type 42 to have two Sea Dart surface-to-air missile controllers in the operations room.

HMS Birmingham was the second of her class to be launched and, since the destruction of HMS Sheffield in the Falklands War, the "Brum" is the oldest surviving Type 42.

While the ship was still in Rosyth she gained a new trophy, to be presented monthly to the best of the nine trainee officers embarked.

The award is a sextant, donated to the ship by the secretary of the Forth Branch of the Nautical Institute, Capt. Ian Laing MN, who retired from the sea in 1980 after 40 years' service. The sextant was his.

WEM(R)s DRYING UP

SINCE the previous article on the WE Branch in April, there have been changes in the manpower scene.

Perhaps the most significant is the rapid reduction in roster lengths in the WEM(R) category. The POWEM(R) roster has been dry since May and currently we are 20 short of the numbers we need.

This situation can only worsen the current drafting shortage of POWEM(R)s which is causing the gapping of a number of shore billets.

Fortuitously, the sea/shore ratio is being preserved by the presence of LWEM(A) / POPWEAs filling POWEM(R) sea billets, although it must be emphasised that this is only a temporary measure to overcome the bulge of artificers coming out of the training system over the past three years.

We remain short of qualified LWEM(R)s and plans are in hand to increase the numbers of course places at HMS Colling-



wood from 1988 onwards.

Meanwhile, some shore billets remain gapped but the balance will be maintained over the next two years or so by diluting some LWEM(R) sea

billets, and this process is now well in hand.

Drafty will be spreading these diluted billets as evenly as possible among all ships of frigate size and above.

However, the overall situation remains far from stable as can be seen from the length of the LWEM(R) roster which has dropped from 14 to seven months since January.

WEM(R)s who want to get on should take advantage of this situation and take their PPE for leading hand at the earliest opportunity — advancement may never be as quick again!

The above drafting shortages will be helped a little by a reduced requirement for artificer candidates over the next two years although this will not be such good news for those mechanics who are trying to become artificers.

Average

However, don't despair, as the numbers required may well rise again in 1989.

The average time that an artificer candidate waits to go on course is currently 24-30 months from his roster date — that is, the date that he passed his LRQC or the date of his "Sea" recommend, whichever is appropriate.

The rosters for both "R"s and "O"s are starting to lengthen slowly but don't forget that there is a separate roster for petty officers and leading hands in each case, with the petty

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officers taking priority for course.

So, if you want to get on an artificer candidate course as quickly as possible then tackle your Fleet Board for POWEM at the earliest opportunity. There are also considerable financial advantages!

Ratings in the WEM(O) category may view themselves as worse off than their "R" counterparts by virtue of the longer times they have to wait for their B13 — the roster lengths for

POWEM(O) and LWEM(O) are currently 13 months and 27 months respectively.

However, these times compare very favourably with other categories across the RN and also have the advantage of being relatively stable.

In the case of the "R"s, advancement is undoubtedly quicker at present but the price paid is in increased turbulence with men moving in and out of shore and sea jobs at a higher frequency than is desirable.

First sea drafts

LENGTH of the First Sea Draft (FSD) for LWEM(A) / POPWEAs (AD and CEW) remains 24 months but waiting times for sea are still reducing, and should be below 12 months (including PJT time) for both categories by early 1988.

An increase in the length of the FSD is unlikely, but this steady reduction in the training bulge means that fewer ratings leaving HMS Collingwood will be finding themselves drafted "additional" to a Shore Telecommunications Unit, FMG etc., as 1988 approaches.

Some WEM(R)s, however, are finding that their FSDs are being extended by three months as there are currently not enough trainees leaving Collingwood to fill the required number of sea billets.

The situation is not expected to last for very long.

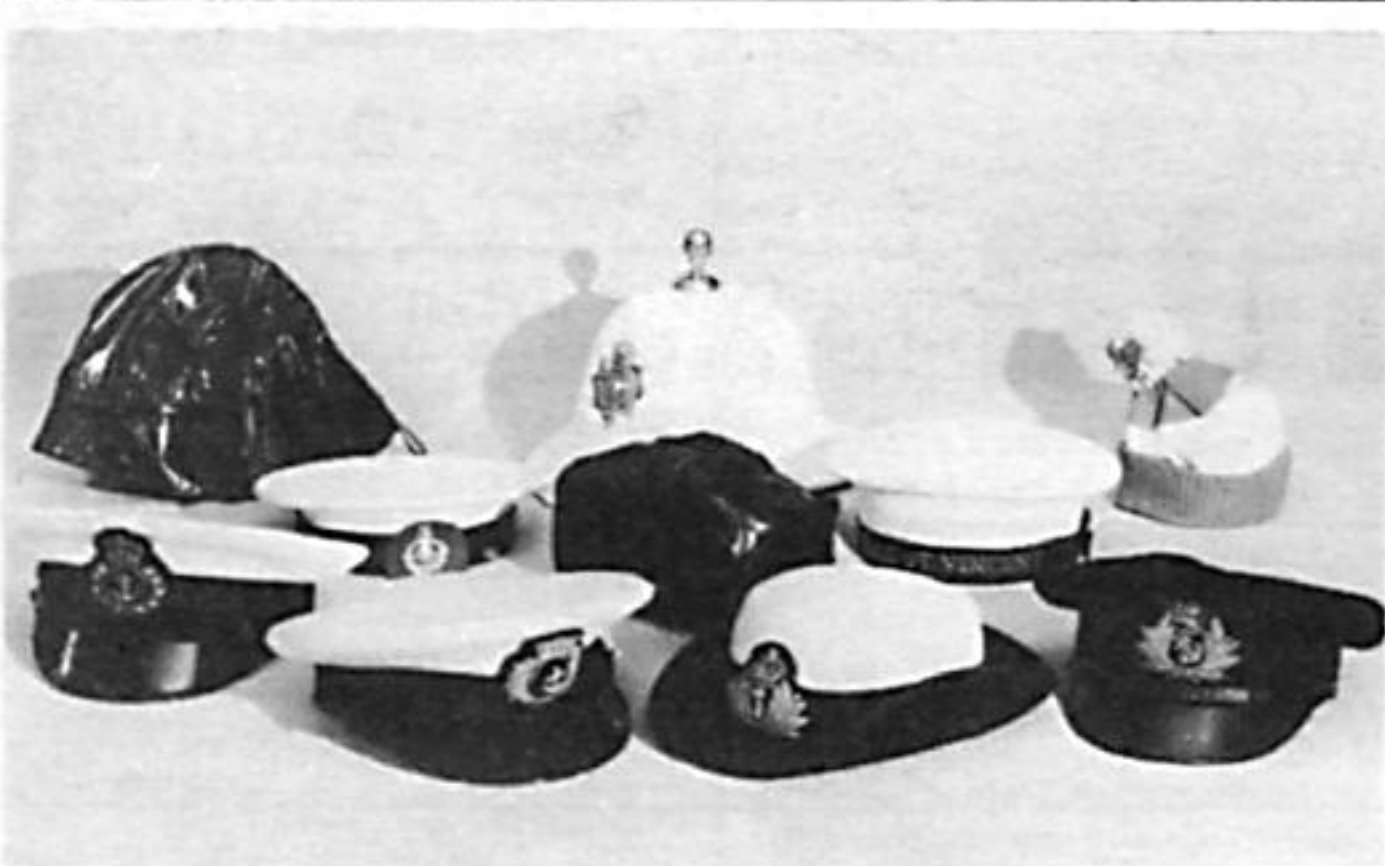
UPDATE ON 2OE

OF the 152 WE Warrant Officers and Chief Petty Officers offered 2OE this year, about 67 per cent accepted the offer.

Of the 33 per cent who refused, many were within two years of completing their current engagements.

Those eligible for next year's Board should check with their Divisional Officer that their latest C264C report does reflect their intentions.

Those who change their mind either way in the interim should then ensure that HMS Centurion is informed through normal Service channels.



Which Sailor?

Britain's leading maritime charity, King George's Fund for Sailors, wears many hats.

As the central fund, it provides for the relief of poverty and distress among *all* seafarers, past or present, whether members of the Royal or Merchant Navies, the Fishing Fleet or the maritime support services — and, of course, their dependants.

Over 120 Funds and Trusts look to us for financial help each year. All must submit their accounts for scrutiny, so that the money goes where it is needed most. We finance homes for children and aged or infirm seafarers; support schools and training ships; aid shipwrecked fishermen and their families; help widows and orphans of two World Wars as well as the Falklands Campaign.

But we depend entirely on you.

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Is it worth becoming a charge chief?

THE following extract from the latest Secretary's Report of the Royal Naval Engineers' Benevolent Society may provide food for thought for many CPO Artificers who are undecided about taking the step to Charge Chief Artificer:

"Since my last report we have lost a number of members who have retired to pension. In many cases it appears that they have retired in the CPO rate, not having taken their Charge Certificate.

"All could have made Charge Chief, I expect, but the reasons that have been trotted out are: 'There is nothing in it for me as the increase in pay is not worth the extra responsibilities'; 'I don't like the paper work'; 'I would get extra Watch duties'; 'I prefer to keep with the lads'.

"It is your choice, but one must remember that what is achieved in the Service can — and does in many cases — rule

your future lives in civvy street.

"This may not be apparent to you in the Service but when you apply for a job in the future your Service record may be the crucial factor in your getting the job or not.

"Many companies have as their personnel manager an ex-Service administrator who would ask to see your papers, and the fact that you had not made Charge Chief could mean to him:

- You have shirked the responsibility that goes with the advancement.
- Your competence in making out reports or administrative papers is in doubt.
- You do not have the urge to better your expertise and forge ahead in your chosen field.

"All the above points would be held against you and, if another is better qualified, your chances are nil."

WE SEA BILLETS

APRIL'S Navy News gave a list of sea billets for all WE Artificers. As promised a similar list is now published for all WEM(R) and WEM(O) Senior Rates' billets:

CVS — CWEM(R), 1; CWEM(O), 1; POWEM(R), 5; POWEM(O), 1.
Bristol — CWEM(R), 1; CWEM(O), 1; POWEM(R), 3; POWEM(O), 1.
Challenger — POWEM(R), 3; POWEM(O), 1.
LPD — CWEM(O), 1; POWEM(R), 3; POWEM(O), 2.
Gun Leanders — CWEM(R), 1; CWEM(O), 1; POWEM(R), 2; POWEM(O), 1.
Ikara Leanders — CWEM(R), 1; CWEM(O), 1; POWEM(R), 1; POWEM(O), 1.
Exocet Leanders — CWEM(R), 1; CWEM(O), 1; POWEM(R), 1; POWEM(O), 1.
CWEM(O), 1; POWEM(R), 1; POWEM(O), 2.
Type 42s — CWEM(R), 1; CWEM(O), 1; POWEM(R), 3; POWEM(O), 2.
Type 22s — CWEM(R), 1; CWEM(O), 1; POWEM(R), 1; POWEM(O), 3.
Type 21s — CWEM(R), 1; POWEM(R), 1.
Type 12s — CWEM(R), 1; CWEM(O), 1; POWEM(R), 2; POWEM(O), 1.
Survey Flotilla — Ocean: POWEM(R), 1; Coastal: POWEM(R), 1; Castle Class: POWEM(R), 1; POWEM(O), 1.
Miscellaneous ships — Britannia: POWEM(R), 1; Engadine: POWEM(O), 1.



"All I wanted to take charge of was my wage packet!"

WE DRAFTING TEAM

LIEUT.-CDR Ray Gibbons retired in June after 17 years as the "O" Desk Drafting Officer. The team line-up is now:
Drafting Commander — Cdr R. M. Blake (ext. 2524).
R' Desk Officer — Lieut.-Cdr. B. L. J.

Maddock (ext. 2525).
R' Desk Staff — POWTR Badger; LWTR Boorman; WEM(R) Walker (ext. 2527).
O' Desk Officer — Lieut.-Cdr. M. R. G. Linfield (ext. 2511).
O' Desk Staff — POWren Bailey; LWren Hodgson; WTR Golby (ext. 2529).
Office Manager/Apps Drafting — CPOWTR J. S. Tuplin (ext. 2520).

Short rest for busy Tireless

EXACTLY two years after her commissioning in October 1985, HMS Tireless is undergoing her first docking and essential defects period at Devonport.

Since she first joined the Fleet, she has spent many months at sea conducting trials, fulfilling commitments and paying visits. She has

taken part in a number of exercises and spent time on operational patrol, to complete a full working schedule during her first two years with the Royal Navy.

The Tireless was the third submarine of the Trafalgar class to be launched and like all her sister boats is powered by a pressurised water cooled reactor. This gives her the ability to circumnavigate the world without surfacing, and enables her to carry out continuous patrols at high underwater speeds.

As a Fleet submarine, the Tireless, like the other boats in her class, carries out the role of the modern battleship. Her main wartime aim would be to find and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships, and she is also capable of conducting ocean-wide surveillance tasks. She is fitted with a complex array of sensors and computers

to help her do her job, and she can seek out and classify targets at great depths.

Once a target has been detected it can be watched and traced from a distance without the target realising it is being scrutinised. In order to achieve this, silence in operation is essential, and, as well as having highly-developed noise reduction systems, she is fitted with special insulating tiles which were originally developed for the American space shuttle.

Last year HMS Tireless conducted a number of NATO exercises and other operational commitments and enjoyed visits to Hakonsvern in Norway and Liverpool. Earlier this year she was involved in the Joint Maritime Course and visited Port Canaveral and Bermuda before spending a few weeks on the Autec Ranges in the Bahamas

where she conducted successful Spearfish development trials.

Her current commanding officer is Lieut.-Cdr. Peter Clarke who took command in May. Following work up, which is due to take place during December and January, the Tireless will be taking part in further operations in the New Year.



FACTS AND FIGURES

Length: 85.40 m.
Breadth: 9.83 m.
Draught: 9.50m. Displacement: 4,200 tons light, 5,208 tons dived.
Speed: In excess of 25 knots. Diving depth: In excess of 175 m. Armament: Wire-guided torpedoes, anti-ship missiles. Machinery: Pressurised water nuclear reactor, generating steam for geared turbines. Complement: 105.

A quiet life in the Silent Service

THERE has been only one previous HMS Tireless, a Triton-class submarine authorised under the 1941 programme.

She was built at Portsmouth Dockyard with Admiralty engines, and launched in March 1943. Having completed work up at Holy Loch she left to join the British Pacific Fleet, travelling via the Mediterranean and the Suez Canal, and arriving at Hong Kong in November 1945.

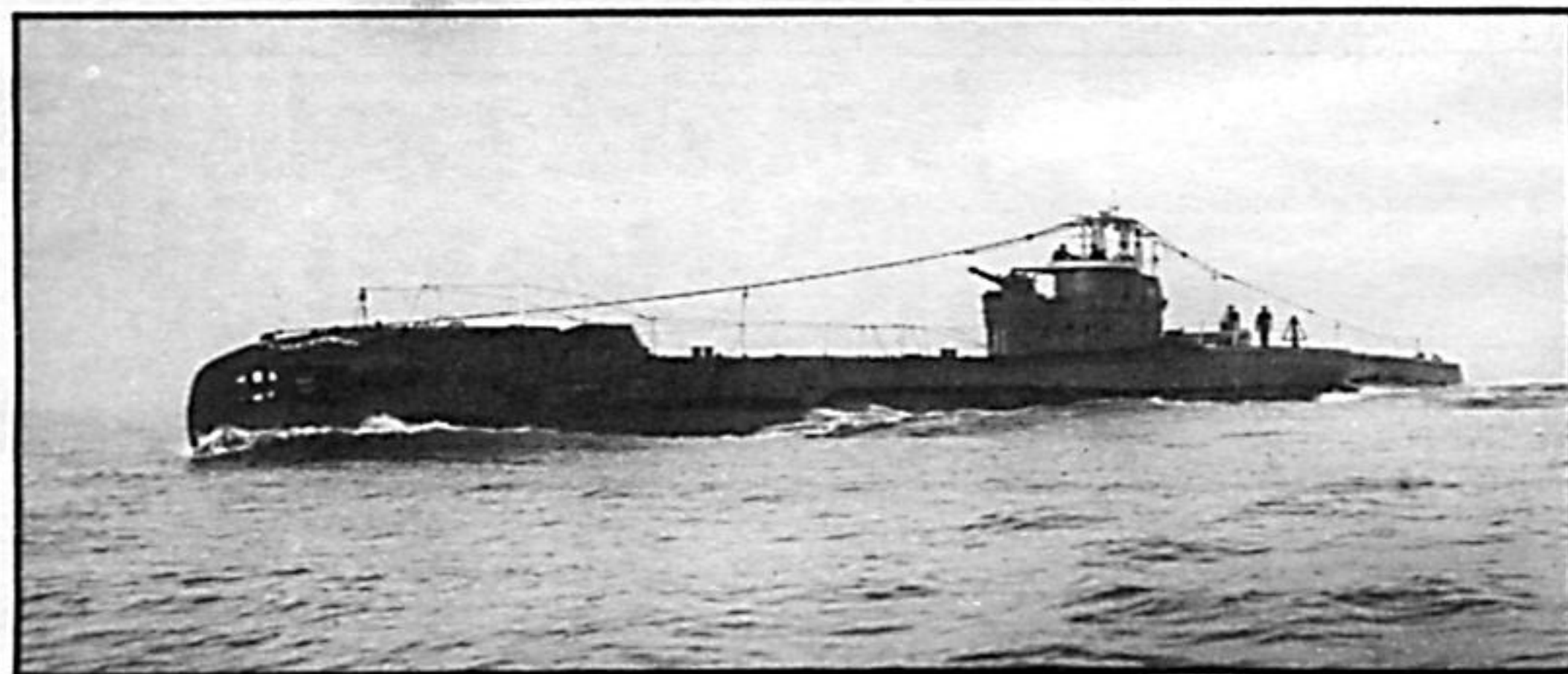
Too late to take an active part in the war, she spent the next year in Far Eastern waters, taking part in exercises and visiting Australia and Japan. In 1946, she returned to Chatham to enter refit.

The Tireless was 273ft. 6in. in length with a breadth of 26ft. 7in. and a standard displacement of 1,090 tons. She was fitted with a 4in. gun and a 20mm Oerlikon gun, and carried 17 torpedoes for

firing from her 11 21in. tubes.

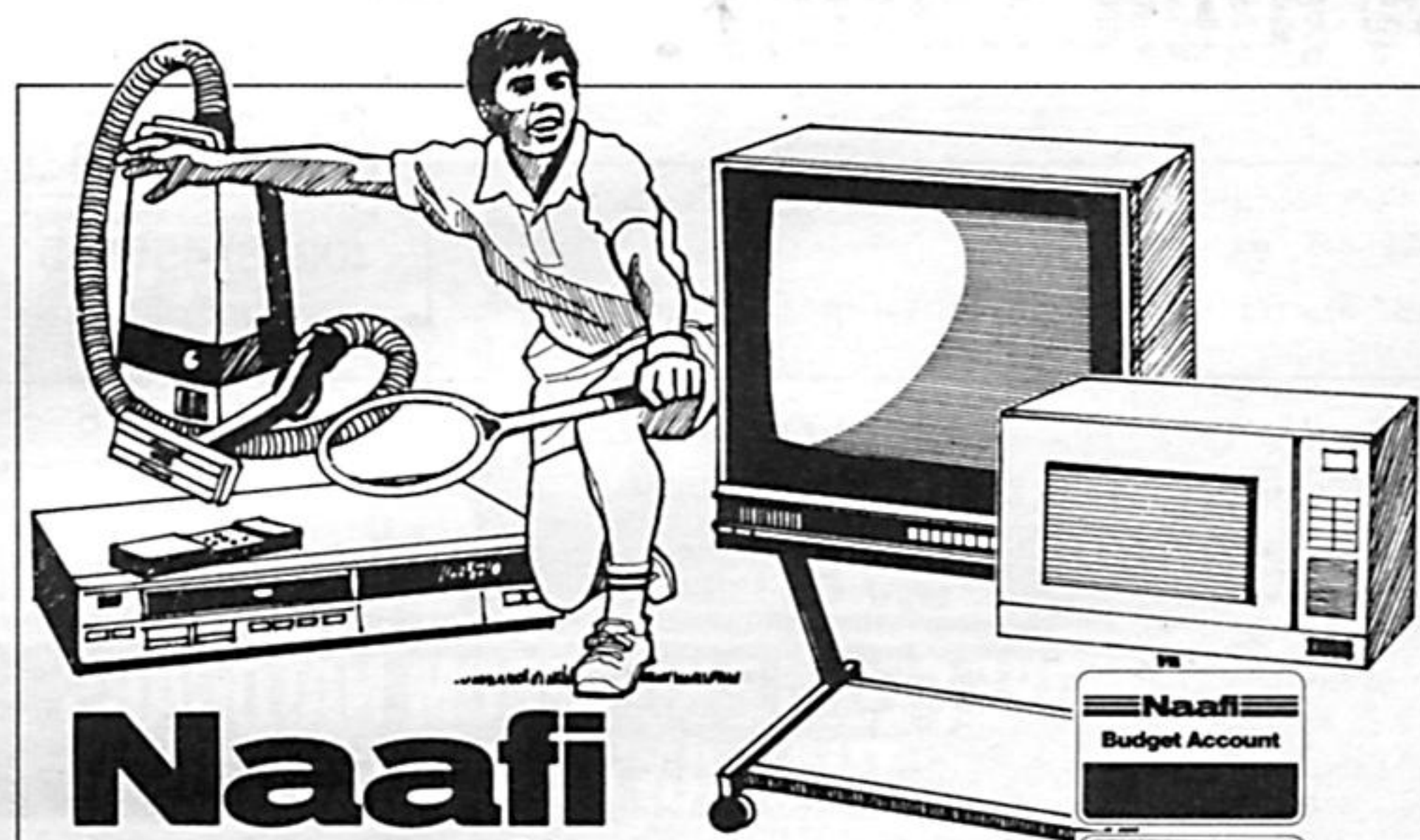
After her first refit she was put in immediate reserve but was withdrawn in 1948 to join the Second Submarine Flotilla. She paid a visit to Norway in June of that year, and then spent several years on exercises, visits, in reserve and in refit.

In 1953 she was one of the Royal Navy vessels at the Coronation Review before resuming her programme of exercises and visits. In September 1958, she again joined the Second Submarine Flotilla and then, in 1961 after another refit, she went to the First Submarine Flotilla. In August 1963 she paid off at Portsmouth to go on the disposal list, and was finally sold in 1968 for breaking up.



The first HMS Tireless was a Triton-class submarine.

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'Let babies stay in Civvy Street'

HAVING worked with the United States forces for two years, I feel qualified to make some comment on career mothers in the Services.

A Service which should expect arduous physical duties from its personnel is no place for a pregnant woman.

The US Navy, with 86 per cent of its women serving ashore, has an item of undergarment in a twist because of previous equality policies, and has now put a five-year freeze on enlisting women.

The freeze is to protect the sea-shore ratio for men, and to maintain promotion opportunities for women. Let us learn from the USN mistakes. — M. J. Hughes, (CPO), HQ AFCEAT.

REGARDING the current discussion on mothers remaining in the Service, any

relaxation towards that goal will progressively lead to the recognition of the claims of the unmarried mother and the single parent.

There is enough controversy with the problems of divorcees and the

single man versus marriage allowance, so let the babies stay in Civvy Street where they belong.

The female element is there to back up the sea-goers, although I would not wish to belittle their role. — K. F. Willife, St Neots, Cambridgeshire.

✉ LETTERS to the Editor

Final signal was garbled

WITH reference to the letter (August issue) concerning the clarity of HMS Glorious's last received signal, I was a watchkeeping officer in the Plot, which was next to the Remote Control Office in HMS Devonshire where Trevor Jenkins received the signal.

I remember it very clearly. The signal may have been accurate when it left the Glorious, but it was garbled on receipt in the Devonshire, and the enemy report just said what was eventually interpreted by the staff as 2PB (that is two pocket battle-ships), and no recognisable position got through as far as I can recall.

have involved serious risk of revealing her position which in the circumstances was highly undesirable.

"The Devonshire was 100 miles to the westward, with the King of Norway, the Crown Prince and his Ministers on board." — A. Coxon (Instructor captain, ret'd), Petersfield.

'Serious risk'

Churchill in his "History of the Second World War" wrote: "The signal was corrupt and barely intelligible, which suggested her (Glorious's) main less equipment was destroyed from an early stage."

"HMS Devonshire alone received it, but as its importance was not apparent she did not break wireless silence to pass it on, as to do so could

Saluting

THERE have been letters in earlier issues of Navy News regarding the poor standard of saluting in the Service today, but, alas, glaring examples continue to appear in photographs.

The cardinal sin of bending the wrist, leaves the hand parallel with the ground and looks just plain sloppy.

I am afraid us "old-timers" notice these things. — D. P. Bernard, Gloucester.

Branson: Why no gift for Sailors' Fund?

AS a serving member of the Royal Navy, on board HMS Argonaut, I feel a little hacked off to learn that Richard Branson has given £30,000 to Rathlin Island.

Why? Because three men in a small boat claimed salvage on his balloon while we were busy saving the life of his pilot, Per Lindstrand.

We actually salvaged the balloon, and even had to give the men from Rathlin a can of petrol to get home.

In view of the fact that the £34,000 rescue bill has been waived, I feel that a few thousand pounds to the

Sailors' Fund, or something for the ship's welfare, would have been more appropriate. — R. R. Tate, (RO), HMS Argonaut.

Helpers for Poppy Appeal

ANYBODY who has been in the Services and their widows and dependants — nearly one third of the population — are all eligible for Royal British Legion help in a variety of ways, including pensions advice, housing, rehabilitation, employment, and care in residential or convalescent homes.

This welfare work is made possible by the generosity of people who support the annual Poppy Appeal.

We need more collectors. All who would like to assist have only to dial 100 and ask for "Freefone Poppy Appeal", in order to be put in touch with the local organiser.

I urge everybody to consider giving just a little time to help those who have already given so much. — E. R. Jobson, chairman of the appeal.

Evacuation heroism

I WAS most interested to read Edwin Horlington's letter (July issue) and the story of his escape from Greece.

A full account of the Greek evacuation, and the heroic part the Navy played in getting our lads off the beaches is told in "A Sailor's Odyssey," by Admiral of the Fleet Viscount Cunningham.

This autobiography was published by Hutchinson in 1951, but the local library should be able to get a copy.

I served in the Mediterranean with the RN in the troubled forties, and remember with pride the valiant work of the destroyers Hero, Kandahar, Kimberley and Kingston, and indeed many others. — L. Rocca, Seaton, Devon.

Old Sultan memories

BEING now 88 I was fascinated to read of the opening of the fabulous Leisure Centre at the HMS Sultan shore establishment.

I knew the original old iron-clad Sultan when it was one of four ships which formed HM Mechanical Training Establishment, moored at Hardway, Portsmouth Harbour. — C. O. B. Temple, (Major), Teignmouth, Devon.

Hecla's radar spotted Hess

THE DEATH of Rudolf Hess has reminded me that at least one ship of the Royal Navy watched his arrival in Scotland — on her radar screen!

I was serving at the time in the brand-new HMS Hecla, armed with eight 4.5-in. anti-aircraft guns, and lying off Greenock.

On the night in question, I had not been long in my bunk when the action alarm sounded. I was the night barrage controller and went to my action station as fast as I could.

The radar operator was reporting an unidentified aircraft near Glasgow, at first closing the ship and then more or less stopped, at about which time our night fighters appeared on the screen.

Shortly afterwards all aircraft disappeared and we were stood down to resume our sleep. It was not until later, of course, that we learned who the lone visitor was. — A. M. Messenger (lieut.-cdr. ret'd), London.

Demise of the Medway Queen

I READ with regret in a Medway paper of the apparent demise of the paddle steamer Medway Queen.

As an ex-Chatham rating pre- and post-war, I am disgusted at this outcome.

As a pleasure vessel turned minesweeper, she took part in the Dunkirk evacuation, and in those terrible conditions picked up about 7,000 troops and brought them home.

I am aware as a member of the Dunkirk Veterans' Association of the great effort of a few wonderful people to save this unique vessel, only to be frustrated. — Jack Sharpe, Maidstone.

'Shuffle' to Buffalo

I FOLLOWED with great interest the reports of the Dartmouth Training Squadron's visit to the Great Lakes and Chicago.

While serving in HMS Scarborough in 1958-59 we were attached to the Fifth Frigate Squadron, and went up the seaway, not to the "Windy City", but we did manage to "shuffle off" to Buffalo where we were the first warship ever to call there.

The main reason for our visit was to take Lord Mountbatten and his wife to Toronto to open Expo 59.

After spending 14 days there, and performing a ceremonial closure with a Royal Marines band, we went on to Buffalo for a week. — John S. Stevens, (ex-LS), Derby.

WORMS FROM THE WAR?

ALTHOUGH it is now over 40 years since Far East prisoners of war were released, many may still be harbouring residual tropical diseases within their bodies.

The most common, worm infestation, can easily be cured. I would urge any FEPOW who has not previously undergone a Tropical Disease Investigation to do so now, by contacting the FEPOW Unit, Room 403, War Pensions Branch, DHSS, Norcross, Blackpool, FY5 3TA. — R. M. Eggleton, War Pensions Policy Branch, Norcross.

Boarding amusement

I WAS amused to read the letter of Mrs J. R. Jones (August issue) about why her daughters need a boarding school education.

My father was a sailor too, for 33 years, and as a child I had an uninterrupted schooling, and was certainly not disadvantaged because my father was a sailor. I was educated at Stone Lane School, Gosport. — (Mrs) Joyce E. Coleman, Hatfield, Herts.

Smart policy is effective

AUGUST'S brace of letters on kit and appearance — and J. G. Hinton's letter in particular — brought back fond memories of my messmates in HMS Ajax almost 20 years ago.

We were Captain D2 Far East Fleet, and enjoyed a healthy visits programme between exercises.

The excitement as the lads prepared their No.1s (or No.6s) for an impending run ashore will never leave me — sixpenny bits stitched into tiddly cap tally bows, bells tailored to fit tightly down to the knees and then to flair out smartly, and so on.

Nostalgia, I hear the cynics say. Nostalgia it is not. It was a question of attitude: we were good, and we wanted to look it. Forgive me for drawing com-

parison but MAA Cole's letter leads me to use the Army as an example.

He rightly suggests that discipline and the maintenance of standards of dress are the responsibility of all superior officers.

This policy is still (thankfully!) firmly maintained throughout the various corps and regiments, and I vouch for its effectiveness. — David Mathias (ex-lieut., RN, now major 68 Squadron RCT), Rhine Army.



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NO TIME FOR THE SCRUFFY SAILORS?

I WAS amazed at an attitude expressed in the September issue regarding what was described as lack of time to troop people for long hair and scruffy dress.

Queen's Regulations RN clearly state that, irrespective of branch, senior rates must ensure order and regularity is preserved within their vicinity.

If your correspondent is of the opinion that he should troop all long-haired and scruffily-dressed sailors he is taking a very draconian attitude. — R. Saunders CPO(OPS)(M). HMS Dryad.

I WOULD hope that "time

away from the job" does not prevent your correspondent from carrying out his primary task, that being CPO first and a technical rate second.

We all understand the manning problem, the gapped billet and other departmental problems, but if a man commits an offence and is not reported then that creates a further disciplinary problem, as the man now believes that he "can get away with it again." — J. R. Harrison, Master at Arms, HMS Dolphin.

Semaphore snarl-ups

THE LETTER in the September issue regarding the return of semaphore intrigued me, as I believe I was the cause of abolishing visual signalling.

Serving in E-boat alley for practically the whole of the war, escorting convoys, we invariably had the position of "tail-end Charlie."

When trouble arose with ships straying and losing station, the only method of communicating with the senior officer escort, or the commodore of the convoy, meant steaming half way up the convoy.

Eventually we were fitted with a VHF set intended to communicate with air escorts.

One night there was a right snarl-up in the convoy, and I suggested to our skipper that he use his set to communicate with the SO escort.

This was immediately successful, and was afterwards used by quite a number of escorts.

Semaphore in a rough sea would be quite a gymnastic operation in present-day ships, though perhaps useful in harbour. — W. G. Mills (ex-CYS), Swindon.

Flashing lights

WHILE not wishing to discourage the professional pride of the Buntings of HMS Danae (letters, September), I point out that the only occasion that semaphore could possibly be used is during replenishment.

Flashing light already provides the Fleet with an effective and silent method of communication capable of much greater ranges than semaphore. However, until we have reached the required standard for flashing light, luxuries such as semaphore cannot be considered. — CCY, BFPO Ships.

WHO ARE WE?

WE SEEM to have an identity crisis. Who are we? The answer is Dental Nurses and Dental Hygienists, or DSAs and DHs to the Navy.

There is a conspicuous absence of our presence on Navy calendars, recruiting posters, etc.

Sometimes it is convenient for us to be nurses when the sick bay is short, and sometimes convenient for us to be Wrens when the duty roster is short.

Could someone, somewhere, please tell us if we are part of the Medical Branch according to the Navy in general, or Wrens according to the Medical Branch? — In-between.

Engadine rescue

I READ the article "Jutland Sailor Visits Engadine" (August issue) with great interest.

In about 1917 I was serving as an air mechanic in the Royal Naval Air Service at Taranto in Italy with 226 Squadron, from whence we were taken to Malta and embarked there in the seaplane carrier Engadine — a passenger ship which had been converted to a carrier.

We then proceeded by way of the Corinth Canal and Black Sea until we reached Batoum.

There we embarked some Russian aristocrats. They were in danger of capture by the Bolsheviks, who would most certainly have murdered them. Very grateful they were. — C. W. Hancock, Raylan, Gwent.

Name plea

WITH new frigates due for naming, I wonder if Laforey and Wild Swan can also enter into the reckoning? — Bob Burns, Liverpool.

Squaring up to uniform critics

THE plea that the traditional square rig be ditched (D. F. Smith, September edition) must have caused many a matelot to turn in his grave.

While I agree that much of the uniform is outdated and serves no apparent purpose, it is distinctive and reflects the history and tradition of the Royal Navy.

The only alternative to the present rig would surely involve shirts and ties and I don't know many sailors who would relish the prospect of wearing either.

At least the white front allows ease of movement and enables the wearer to remain cool while colleagues in the other Services grit their teeth and swelter.

Of course, Service personnel should be able to feel proud to walk the streets dressed in a smart uniform and I for one always feel proud to wear the traditional and smart uniform of the greatest Navy in the world — RO2, Hampshire.

Unthinkable

AS A former warrant officer in the Royal Navy, and one who has a son in the Service, I would like to reply to the letter of D. F. Smith (September issue).

To suggest the abolition of the standard square rig is about as mindless as abolishing from the Guards regiments their fine bearskins and red tunics (equally non-functional), or the Scottish regiments of their kilts or trews.

These items of dress may not be 20th-Century but the traditions of wearing them were hard-fought for in the past, and no doubt are worn with great pride.

The Royal Navy and its distinctive square rig is world famous, and to suggest abolition



Question of identity

THIS ex-Royal Navy vessel may prove a puzzler to even the most sharp-eyed ship spotter. She has been heavily disguised since she went out of service and now has a much more entertaining role. Stumped? You'll find the answer in Page 18.

is unthinkable. Long may it be worn.

Come on Smithy, you'll have us all in T-shirts and jeans next! — Ken Carter, Brecon, Powys.

Gnomes

HAVING met hundreds of ex-RN matelots, I am sure that the views of D. F. Smith are not shared by many.

We were proud to go ashore in our collars and bells, and some of us still turn out at reunions in our old uniforms.

Perhaps your correspondent would prefer to look like a bunch of green garden gnomes such as the Canadian Armed Forces. No one can tell them apart until you get close up.

No Jack, keep your bells, collars and tapes. There is nothing smarter — except for the Royal Marines. — Jim Gold, Toronto, Ontario.

A MATELOT'S rig is the business, either on board or ashore, sending the girls' hearts fluttering wherever it goes.

A matelot can be proud of the fact that all eyes are on him when he steps out all tidily and sharp. Let's keep the old rig. — C. Goad, RO1(T), HMS Diomedes.

Several other letters have been received criticising the ideas put forward by our correspondent last month.

Too many funnels!

ON PAGE 5 of the September edition of Navy News you published a photograph of the eighth HMS London, describing her as entering Malta "in 1949 during her service with the Mediterranean Fleet."

This HMS London was

reconstructed between 1939 and 1941 with only two funnels, and by 1949 was serving in the Far East. The date of the photograph could therefore be somewhere between 1929 and 1939 when the London served in the Mediterranean Fleet.

HMS Sussex was the only complete County-class cruiser left in commission in 1949 and she was scrapped the following year. HMS Devonshire, with only one turret, visited Malta in 1949 in her new role as a cadet training ship.

With all good wishes for your continuing success with Navy News, the only newspaper which I really enjoy reading. — Edward Gueritz, Rear-admiral, President of the Society for Nautical Research.

Many other letters have been received pointing out our typographical error concerning the year in which the photograph was taken.

Iron-clad Devastation

SURELY the first ship to deserve the title of iron-clad was the French Devastation, completed in 1855, and which went into action at Kinburn on October 17, 1855.

She was a wooden hulled battery with a speed of 3½ knots, 100mm armour and 16 to 50-pdr guns.

The Royal Navy built a number of somewhat similar ships of which the first group, launched in 1855, were wooden hulled

with 4½-ins. of armour.

A second group had iron hulls, the first — Erebus — being launched in April 1856. Her sisters lasted well — the Terror was in service in Bermuda until 1901, and the Thunderbolt was sunk at Chat-ham in 1948.

Incidentally, the Warrior's armour plates were not welded together. They were tongue-and-grooved, and bolted through 18ins. of teak backing to the five-eighth iron hull plating, the plates of which were riveted together. More teak

filled in the spaces between the hull frames.

More difficult questions — what was the first iron-hulled ship ordered by the Admiralty, the first iron warship, the first iron ship to enter service in the RN, and the first RN iron fighting ship?

They are all different. Even less well known is the first warship of any country to mount and fire a turret-mounted gun. — D. K. Brown (Royal Corps of Naval Constructors), Bath.

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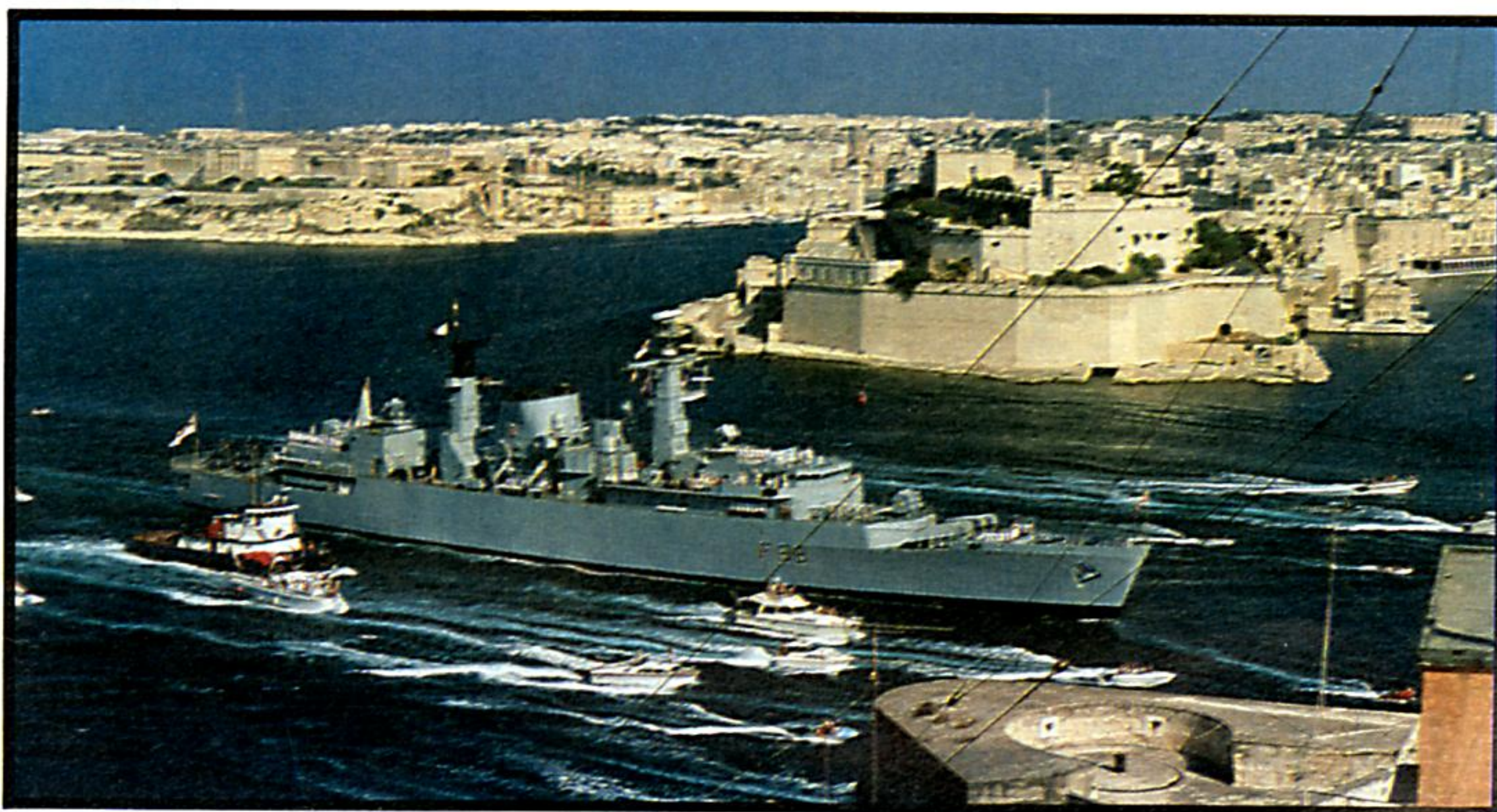
HMS Broadsword returned to Devonport in September after a four-and-a-half month Gulf deployment — including an open-arms welcome by the people of Malta.

On her way home the Type 22 frigate called at the island on the anniversary of HMS Brazen's visit — the first by a British warship since the Royal Navy pulled out of Malta in 1979.

In a repeat of her sister-ship's success, the Broadsword's welcome to Valetta was overwhelming. A fleet of small craft escorted the ship into the Grand Harbour after a 21-gun salute had been exchanged with the battery at Fort St Elmo.

An official luncheon on board was attended by the island's acting President, the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and several MPs. Besides that, 5,000 people visited the ship when she was open to the public.

A similar reception awaited the frigate when she paid a short visit to Gozo before leaving for home. She arrived



back in the UK on September 3.

The Broadsword had started her deployment on May 15 and relieved HMS Gloucester on Armilla patrol. Up to June 18 the Type 22 had accompanied 39 British merchant vessels through the Strait of Hormuz as tension increased with the accidental missile attack on the USS Stark.

After a five-day call at Dubai, the Broadsword returned to patrol until July 4 when she berthed in Karachi for a further five days' visit.

Finally leaving the Gulf on

July 13, the frigate headed in adverse weather to Mombasa for a two-week rest during which some of the ship's company were reunited with wives and families who had flown to Kenya.

HMS Edinburgh relieved the Broadsword in the Red Sea in August, leaving the Type 22 free to visit Cyprus — and Malta for the 45th anniversary of the Operation Pedestal convoy.

On the way home other visits were made to Nice and Gibraltar.

A fleet of small craft escorts HMS Broadsword into Grand Harbour for the ship's successful visit to Malta. While she was there 5,000 people were welcomed on board.

Picture: Ian Proud

Broadsword in no danger

THERE was no danger to HMS Broadsword from a vessel reported to be carrying explosives, owned by the Palestine Liberation Organisation, and berthed in Grand Harbour, Valetta, at the same time as the frigate.

The 100-ft. PLO vessel was far from the Broadsword's berth and there was no evidence to link her presence with the ship's visit, although the Maltese authorities did keep the British informed of the matter.

Coventry given Freedom pledge

FREEDOM of the City of Coventry is to be bestowed on the new HMS Coventry, nearing completion at Swan Hunter's yard at Wallsend-on-Tyne.

The plan to honour the Type 22 destroyer was announced by the Lord Mayor at a luncheon for four members of the build-up ship's company.

Her predecessor, a Type 42 destroyer, held the Freedom of the City and her loss in the Falklands War was keenly felt in the community.

The representatives of the present ship, led by her senior officer, Cdr. E. F. M. Searle, were in the city to re-establish close links.

Members of local industry and charities were contacted with a view to forming ties, and the naval visitors called at HMS Mercia, Coventry's RNR unit; and the Sea Cadet unit TS Coventry.

High-flying apprentices

SIX apprentices from Figgard Squadron, HMS Raleigh, were flown from Plymouth Airport for a visit to Vickers Shipbuilding at Barrow-in-Furness.

Such visits are planned as a regular feature of a new association between Raleigh and Britain's submarine builders. As well as presentations on submarine building, Vickers sponsor an award for the top marine engineering artificer apprentice passing out of the new entry establishment each term.

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190,000 FLOCK TO SEE THE ROYAL NAVY'S BIG SHOWS

RECORD DAYS FOR GUZZ

OVER 190,000 people passed through the gates of air and naval bases in the South of England this summer to see the Service on display.

Top of the pops was Plymouth, where during the three Navy Days over August Bank Holiday week-end, 69,000 people were welcomed on board a total of 15 vessels.

The figure was 9,000 up on last year's attendance, and "Guzz" is claiming a record gate.

This year attendance at the West Country base overtook that at Portsmouth Navy Days, where the 68,000 who passed through the gates represented a 4,000 drop from last year's below-average tally.

With HMS Ark Royal's flight deck closed for painting, the most popular ship at Portsmouth during the bank holiday turned out to be the veteran assault ship HMS Intrepid. At Plymouth it was the nuclear-powered submarines HMS Torbay and HMS Swiftsure which proved to be the stars.

Spectacular

Earlier in the summer, Portland Navy Day attracted just over 13,000, while bad weather kept the crowds down to fewer than 10,000 at HMS Daedalus Air Day in July.

The air day at RN air station Culdrose nine days later was one of the most spectacular in the station's 40-year history.

More than 30,000 witnessed an extended, four-hour flying programme including appearances by Concorde, a Spitfire and veteran Sea Fury and Firefly carrier aircraft.

Sparkling line-up of display teams included the Iveco Ford truck-top landing display — which also appeared at

Daedalus Air Day, the Italian Alpi Eagles fixed-wing fliers, Unipart Aerobatic Team, a specially formed group of nine Jetstream training aircraft, and Culdrose's own Sharks team.



HMS Phoebe, one of the ships that helped Plymouth Navy Days to a 69,000 record attendance.



A "pirate" junk is tackled by a Royal Navy Gazelle helicopter as part of Plymouth's action display.



Taking the captain's chair is just child's play for this visitor to HMS Amazon.

PICTURES: PO(PHOT) PETE HOLDGATE

Adam is Ark's super-guest!

A SPECIAL welcome awaited young Adam Davis when he stepped on board HMS Ark Royal during Portsmouth Navy Days.

He was given VIP treatment by the aircraft carrier — and by top model Linda Lusardi — when he became the ship's 90,000th visitor.

Adam, accompanied by his parents, two brothers and other relatives, was treated to a special tour of the Ark, with the ship's Navy Days officer, Lieut. Graham Appleyard, as guide.

Two years ago the Davis family visited HMS Invincible and were so impressed that this year they travelled from their home town of Luton to board the Ark Royal.

As a bonus Adam was presented with a plaque of the ship's badge, and received a colour photograph and a kiss from lovely Linda Lusardi.

Linda was starring in the touring show "Funny Peculiar" which was at the King's Theatre, Southsea for a week in September.

Our picture shows Linda on the Ark's flight deck with the Davis family and members of the ship's company — Lieut. Appleyard, Lieut.-Cdr. Beavis, LSTD Bramble and STD Jones.

Picture: HMS Ark Royal



Mountbatten Festival

ARRANGEMENTS are now well in hand for the 1988 Mountbatten Festival of Music to be presented by the Massed Bands of the Royal Marines at the Royal Albert Hall on February 17-19.

Principal aim is to raise money for RM/RN charities, to which more than £70,000 has been donated in recent years.

Readers interested should complete and return the ticket application in Page 23.

Swiftsure wins Sealion Trophy

HMS Swiftsure has won the Sealion Trophy, awarded annually to the submarine which has achieved the best results in weapon attacks over the previous year. Cdr. Mike Samborne (commanding officer) received the trophy from Cdr. Frank Worthington of Kelvin Hughes Ltd., on July 28.

Ships' fire bill soars

FIRES in Royal Navy ships and establishments during 1986-87 resulted in a massive increase in cost, but this was largely due to the £4 million bill for the gearbox problems in HMS Illustrious.

Besides the ignition of fuel in the Illustrious, there was also a similar fire in HMS Plymouth, with the loss of two lives.

For the 12 months under review, the total cost of fires was £4,320,307, compared with £404,848 in the previous year.

In the 312 reported fires, the major causes were once again electrical faults, hot work (welding), and smoking materials.

DCI (RN) 222

Card extended

THE CURRENT HM Forces railcard, due to expire on December 31, has been extended by British Rail and will remain valid until December 31, 1988.

Ships and establishments may continue to issue Forces railcards.

DCI (RN) 218

Navy video

THREE editions of the video magazine "Viewpoint RN" have now been produced and distributed, and the Admiralty Board wish to ensure that the programmes are seen by all personnel as soon as possible.

DCI (RN) 164



"What do you reckon you'd fetch . . . a fiver?"

Price watch on spares

PRICE labels are to go on Service spares in the hope of keeping costs down by making personnel aware of the money involved.

According to an announce-

ment, the scheme is also intended "to give personnel the opportunity to challenge prices which appear to be excessive."

In principle the scheme will apply to all stores except mate-

rials clearly unsuitable such as bulk metals, timber, and gases, and certain items specifically exempted.

Where the price of items may be particularly sensitive because of significant overseas sales potential or for other reasons, they may be considered for exemption from the requirement to be labelled with their price.

Spares price information is privileged information available only to members of the Services and Ministry of Defence civilian employees.

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DCI (General) 82

Sea Devons on the move

CONVERSION of pilots to multi-engine propeller-driven aircraft (Sea Heron / Jetstream) is currently carried out by two Sea Devon aircraft parented by 771 Squadron based at RN air station Culdrose.

It has been decided to relocate these aircraft and the conversion task at HMS Gannet from December.

DCI (RN) 212

OASIS review

RECENT advances in Information Technology (IT), combined with a more complex IT requirement in the Fleet, have led to a review of the position and the role of Project OASIS.

An announcement provides an explanation of the project's aims, objectives and management structure.

DCI (RN) 216

Aim of this regular feature is to give a general impression of new Defence Council Instructions affecting conditions of service, but in the event of action being taken the full original text should be studied.

N-Trust review

TRUSTEES of the Naval Dependents Income and Assurance scheme (N-Trust) have again reviewed the benefits available to members.

Since the last cost-of-living review the intermediate rate of pay (Scale B) for the leading rate has increased by 6.24 per cent, and it has been decided to increase both benefits and contributions accordingly.

DCI (RN) 225

Dependants' funds

ALTHOUGH the annual subscriptions to the officers' and ratings' dependants' funds remain unchanged, the level of grant, recently raised to £2,000, has been further increased to £2,300.

DCI (RN) 206

Upper Yardman extension

RATINGS seeking officer status through the Upper Yardman (UY) scheme are to have a new avenue of opportunity.

The chance for civilians to enter directly on to a Medium Career Commission (Seaman) (MCC(X)) on the Supplementary List was introduced for the September 1986 entry to Britannia Royal Naval College.

It has been decided to extend the UY scheme to include this opportunity.

UY candidates may therefore apply for direct entry to a medium career commission on the Supplementary List in addition to the existing avenues to short, and full career commissions.

Those selected will serve on the Supplementary List and will be eligible for transfer to an extended commission or to the General List in accordance with existing regulations.

The minimum educational standard for UY applicants is five 'O' levels, and the requirement for two 'A' levels demanded of civilian applicants may be relaxed.

DCI (RN) 226

Jersey cash

SALVAGE money for HMS Jersey is now ready for distribution. The award was for services to the fishing vessel Touro on December 9, 1985.

Announcement dated August 7, 1987

Art show

THE 56th annual exhibition of the Armed Forces Art Society will be held at the National Army Museum from November 19 to 29, 1987. A prize of £150 is awarded for the best entry.

Announcement dated August 28, 1987



"Toothy's doing a sub for the examiner!"

Exam talk

CANDIDATES wishing to sit the General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE(RN)) are required to undergo an oral examination.

An announcement nominates the examination centres and details the procedures to be adopted.

The aim is to ensure that the candidate has the opportunity to demonstrate use of the English language and communicative skills.

The examiner will award a grade in the range from one to five, grade five being the lowest but still providing validation for the written examination.

DCI (RN) 211

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BRITISH HARDWARE ON INTERNATIONAL VIEW AT RN EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION

Joint projects 'on increase'

A VAST array of the latest naval equipment was on show at Whale Island, Portsmouth, in September when 155 exhibitors took part in the biennial Royal Navy Equipment Exhibition.

Thousands of visitors flocked to the display, including ministers, senior military staff, government officials and industrialists from about 80 countries.

The exhibition was officially opened by the Minister of State for Defence Procurement, Lord Trefgarne.

Exhibits were housed under 10,000 sq. metres of tentage and on 19 outside sites. There were five Royal Navy ships on view — HM ships Ark Royal, London, Cottesmore, Leeds Castle and Roebuck. A flying display included Sea Harriers and helicopters.

300 firms

The exhibition was organised by the Ministry of Defence sales organisation, and many naval personnel were involved, while more than 300 British firms were represented.

Answering questions at the exhibition, the Controller of the Navy, Vice-Admiral Sir Derek Reffell, spoke of NATO countries becoming increasingly involved in joint projects, which bore advantages in terms of finance and uniformity.

Replying to questions about the Gulf and the possibilities of arming merchant ships, Admiral Reffell said there were problems in trying to scatter defence equipment among merchant vessels. He did not think it possible to arm them to the

extent which made the presence of warships unnecessary.

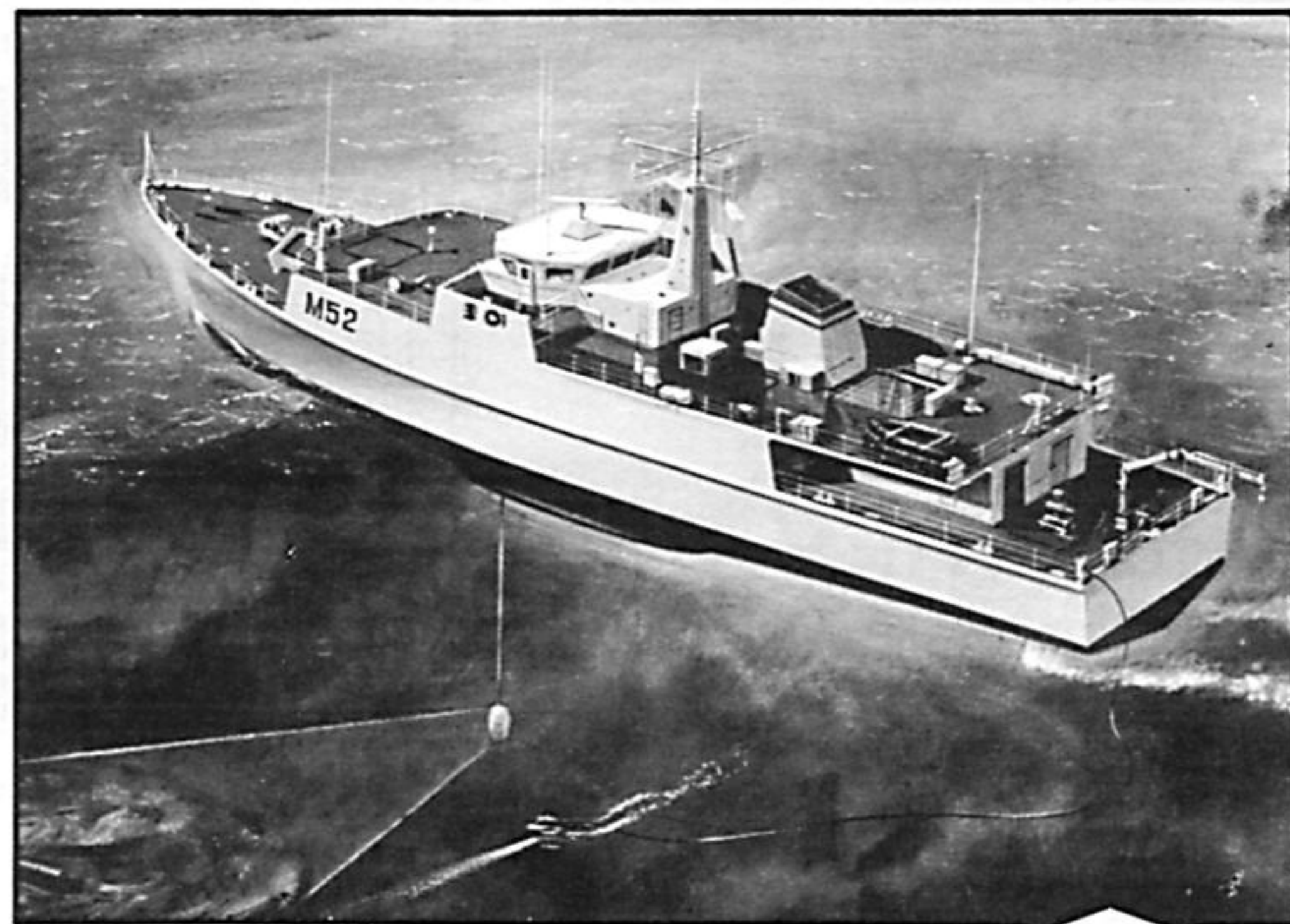
On the rate of ordering Type 23 frigates, he said ships would continue to be required to replace those going out of service. So the number of Type 23s could rise to 20-plus — although these were not approved or confirmed plans and the decision lay with ministers.

He did not regard the Type 23 as a stop-gap, as one

questioner suggested it might be, but as a very good ship with update potential.

50-man frigate

Asked about the concept of a 50-man frigate, he thought the realisation "some way off," although naval manpower was due to reduce and smaller ships' companies would help to achieve that.



PIONEER UPHOLDER STARS IN VICKERS MOVIE SHOW

AN IDEA of the scope of Vickers (VSEL) work for the Royal Navy was given on a stand dominated by moving pictures and sound depicting HMS Upholder and other submarines.

Featured, too, was VSEL's new shiplift showing how future "non-dynamic" launches will be carried out at Barrow.

The company's workload at Barrow includes the three last boats of the Trafalgar class, the next of which is to be launched early next year.

Work is well under way on the first Trident boat, HMS Vanguard, with steel work taking place on the second and some work under way for the third and fourth boats.

Work continues on the

Upholder, which will be the Navy's first Type 2400 diesel-electric submarine. She is due to undertake first sea trials before the end of the year, with full sea trials being held next year.

HMS Unseen

Meanwhile, at Birkenhead, Cammell Laird, which is part of VSEL, stages the launch of the Type 22 frigate HMS Campbelltown this month. Also under way there is the first follow-on boat to the Upholder, HMS Unseen, and two more of the class.

Yarrows, another of the many shipbuilders taking part in the exhibition, has five ships under construction for the Royal Navy — two Type 22 Batch 3 frigates which are both afloat — HM ships Cornwall and Cumber-

land; the first-of-class Type 23, HMS Norfolk, and two sister-ships, HM ships Argyll and Lancaster.

Several of the companies taking part in the exhibition presented outline designs for new amphibious assault ships.

With mines much in the news, there was interest, too, in the advanced remote mine-hunting system (ARMS) featured by Plessey.

Described as a lightweight, robust, portable system which can be carried by ships not originally designed for mine-hunting, the equipment can "detect, classify, identify and dispose of all known types of mines," according to the company.

A remote operated vehicle

"swims" up to 1,000m. ahead of the parent ship at a maximum depth of 300m. Automatic operation of the vehicle is supplemented by operator control and override facilities.

Swimmer sonar

The system, still under development and not designed to put mine-hunters and sweepers out of work, is costed at £1½ million to £2 million per unit.

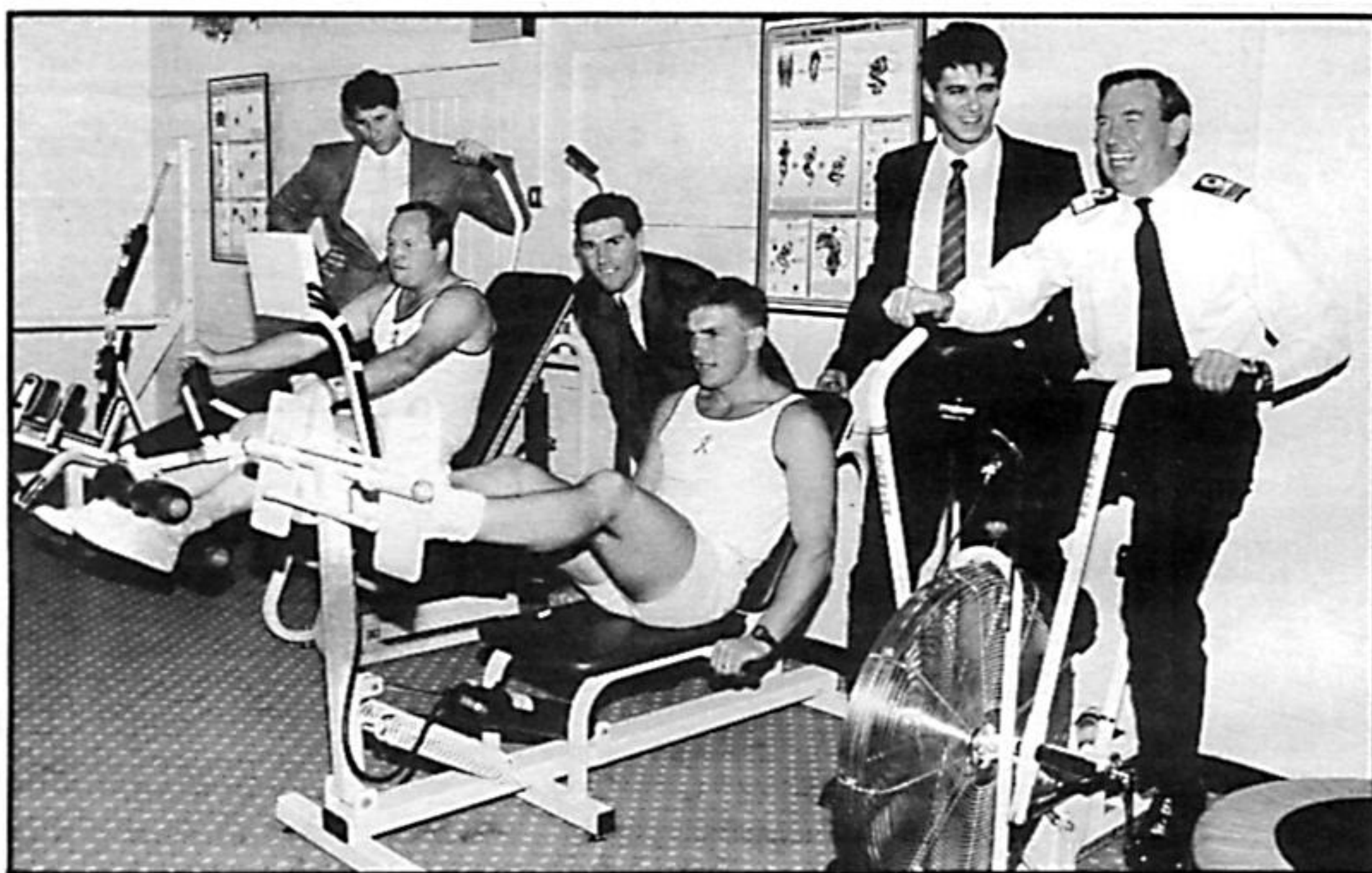
Another Plessey system outlined was a swimmer detection sonar, an active tracking system derived from in-service mine-hunting sonars. Its sensitivity and capability, says Plessey, ensures that the distinctive signature of swimmers or small vehicles are quickly noted and accurately tracked.

Sandown has light touch

THIS artist's impression shown at the RNEE features the Sandown-class, single-role minehunter under construction for the Royal Navy by Vosper Thornycroft (UK) Ltd.

Vosper are already building the prototype, due to be launched early next year, and during the summer an order for four more went to the company.

The 52m. Sandown has an improved and lightened glass-reinforced plastic structure. She has the latest generation of variable depth sonar, and her computer-controlled position keeping uses Voith Schneider propellers and advanced bow thrusters. Complement will be 40.



Fit and wheel!

HELPING to start the wheels turning, Commodore J. Hall, commodore of HMS Nelson (right), pioneers an Air-Dyne cycle machine as he officially opened Nelson's new health and fitness centre.

Pictured using and observing some of the other equipment are, from left, Portsmouth basketball coach Dan Lloyd, CPOPT Alex Clarke, former Portsmouth footballer Paul Wood (now with Brighton), POPT Dave Hance and Stuart Emery, of Pineapple Studios, London.

The equipment — the most modern in the Royal Navy — has been provided through £30,000 from HMS Nelson's Welfare Fund.

It includes the versatile, 11-station Hydra-Fitness Equipment, in which the number of calories expended per minute is far greater than using free weights or free circuit exercises; a running machine with variable speeds and gradients; two cycle machines which provide a complete workout as well as ventilating confined spaces, and two PT bouncers.

Anglesey aids yacht

FISHERY protection vessel HMS Anglesey was on hand to help a yacht in trouble in mountainous seas off the Isle of Man.

The 23-ft. craft Saralas had put out a call for assistance after experiencing engine difficulties in strong, 45-knot winds ten miles south-west of Douglas.

When the Anglesey reached the Saralas, the first lieutenant Lieut. A. D. Traher, was put on board the stricken craft with POMEM(M) S. J. Quinney.

Soon after, the Douglas lifeboat arrived and took the yacht in tow with the owner still on board. His wife was transferred to the Anglesey for the journey into Douglas.

Nine days after the incident, the ship took part in Peel Carnival. Members of the ship's company joined a fun run along the promenade, RO Andy Vidler taking fourth place and the commanding officer, Lieut.-Cdr. Ted Bourn, finishing seventh.

RNR in tattoo

ELEVEN members of various Royal Naval Reserve divisions were among 285 Medical Reservists from the three Services who set up a field hospital at the International Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford, Glos.

When his ship was torpedoed... so was his future peace of mind

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Why Wrens are not granted maternity pay

A WREN about to start terminal leave to have a baby has discovered that civilians in a similar situation appear to be able to claim better financial allowances.

She discovered she could not get State Maternity Pay (SMP). According to new rules, her SMP would have been — she thought — six weeks at nine-tenths basic salary, and a further 12 weeks at the flat rate of £32.85.

Paid leave

The official explanation is that Service men and women have never been entitled to DHSS benefit under the terms of the old maternity pay or the new regulations — "and it is very unlikely that the regulations will be changed."

The explanation continues: "Service women do receive their full entitlement of annual leave and up to 28 days' terminal leave."

"This, being paid leave, when added to the mater-

nity allowance (£30.05 for 18 weeks), does equate favourably with the total received by a civilian under SMP regulations.

"It should also be borne in mind that SMP is liable to income tax and National Insurance deductions, whereas maternity allowance is paid free of income tax and National Insurance."

Addition

The reply points out that Service women also receive a 7.5 per cent addition to their basic pay "to take into account the general balance of disadvantage over advantage of Service life."

Service wives having babies should be guided by the Defence Council Instruction (Joint Service) No. 19/87.

School-change under GCSE

ONE OF the most significant points about the new General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) is that the examination result forms only one part of the final mark needed for award of the certificate.

At least 20 per cent of the final mark in many subjects, and significantly more in others, comes from a con-

tinuous assessment of course work completed during the two years leading up to the examination.

With five different regional examination groups across the UK — sometimes more than one in the same area — and with the first examination due next June, the problem for Service children, whose education is often interrupted when parents move to a new posting, has been represented to the Governing Examination Council.

Work record

While discussion is still under way on whether one group can accept assessment made on syllabuses from another group, the advice to Service parents by the Services Children's Education Authority is that no child should change schools during the final year of preparation for GCSE.

Ideally, he or she should remain at the same school during the crucial age of 14 to 16.

If a move is unavoidable it is essential that a full record of course work already carried out and assessed, together with samples of the work, be presented to the new school promptly on transfer.

The Ministry of Defence is considering the implications with regard to Service personnel.

Third (Reffell) officer



PLANNING to follow in mother's footsteps (as well as father's) is Third Officer Jane Reffell, who has just passed out from BRNC Dartmouth.

In the pattern of her mother's career, Jane is planning to become a WRNS communications officer. The naval family tradition also comes from father, who is Vice-Admiral Sir Derek Reffell (Controller of the Navy).

Her first officer appointment is at Rosyth.

Dolphin show raises £500

WHEN there was an invitation to families and friends of the HMS Dolphin ship's company to visit the establishment, the attractions included sideshows, Punch and Judy, displays by the Volunteer Cadet Corps field-gun crew and band, and an excellent gymnastic display by the Juniors' Division.

Almost £500 was raised and has been donated to King George's Fund for Sailors.

Two by two in the brother ships

ALTHOUGH HM ships Argonaut and Alacrity are not sister-ships, they could be described as brother-ships...

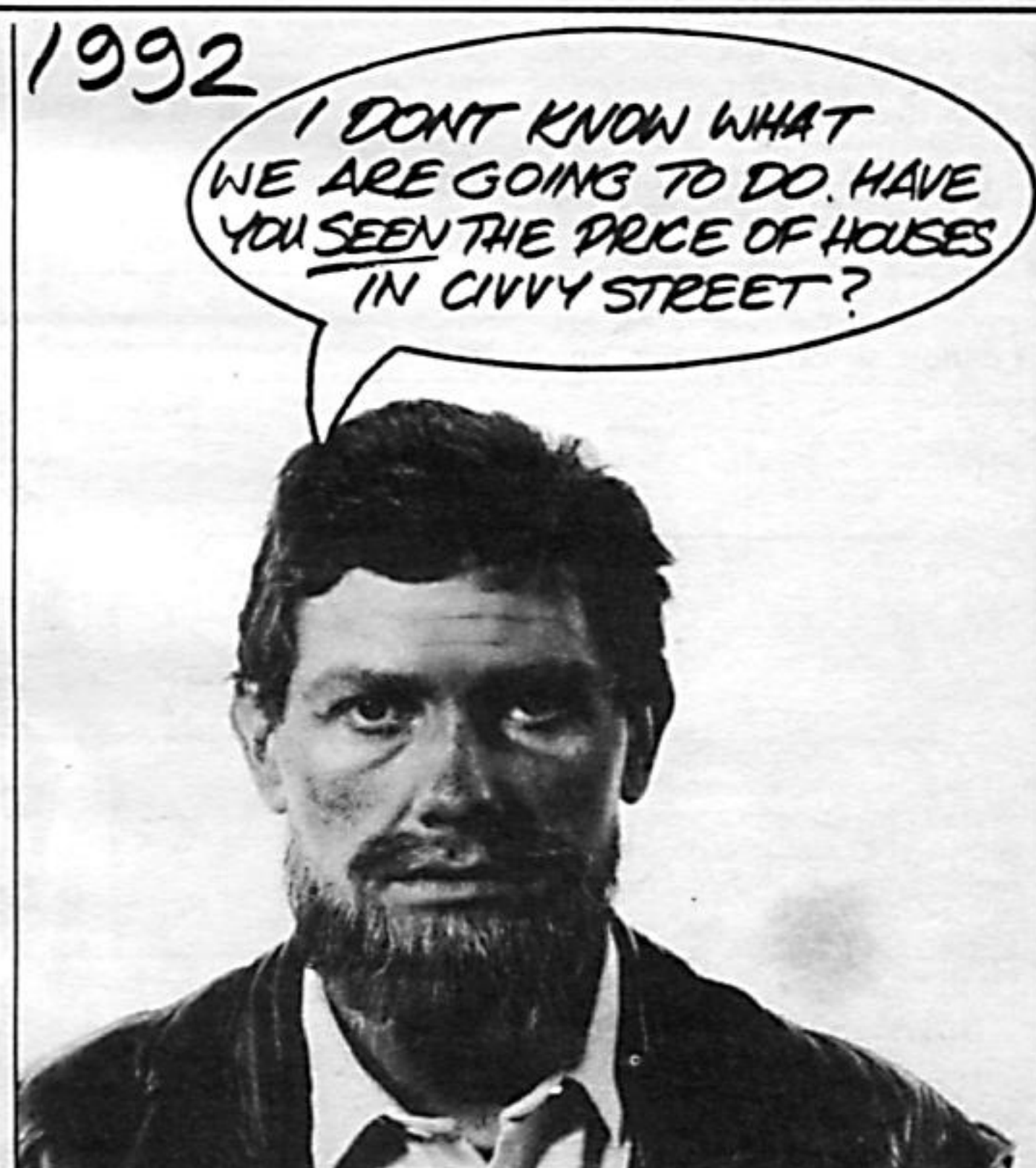
Commanding officer of the Argonaut is Cdr. Tim Barton, while his brother, Cdr. Bob Barton, commands the Alacrity. The coincidence does not rest there: the Argonaut's weapons engineer officer is Lieut.-Cdr. Christopher Osborne — brother of the Alacrity's WEO, Lieut.-Cdr. Andre Osborne.

Meanwhile, two brothers have been serving in the same ship since March. PO(R) and AB(M) Pearce were in HMS Cardiff for her recent Armilla patrol.

It was the fourth such patrol that the ship has undertaken and she is claiming a record five million tons of shipping accompanied through the Strait of Hormuz during the deployments.

Boarding rates revised

FROM Autumn Term this year, the revised Boarding School Allowance rates are: First and second child, £1,148 per term; third child, £1,361; fourth and subsequent children, £1,421.



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Four founder and committee members of the new-style welfare venture at Faslane — from left, Mrs. Amanda Sumner, Mrs. Mavis Caul, Mrs. Za Rowe and Mrs. Wendy Lightoller.

Faslane wives in war on isolation

A NEW STYLE of naval wives' welfare venture has been launched at Faslane by the local RN Wives' Association, where linked Welcome and Home-start services manned by RNWA volunteers are a new experiment in families' support schemes for newcomers and young mums who may need a friendly helping hand.

There is close liaison with the local Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Association office and it is hoped that their experience in running HIVES (Help, Information and Volunteer Exchange Services) with the British Forces in Germany will be of benefit at Faslane.

Centre-piece of the new scheme is a co-ordinated two-prong attack on isolation.

As soon as possible after arrival in the area, the Welcome service will send out volunteers to contact newcomers, to give them local-area information and

provide help and know-how as the wives settle in. All wives will be covered by the scheme, not just RNWA members.

Friendly

Welcome will be backed by Home-start — already a well-established home-visiting scheme in UK which trains volunteers to give support when young mothers with small problems need a nearby friendly wife to count on, rather than the professionals.

Keeping track of new arrivals and making sure they get a Welcome and help from Home-start if they need it, will be the

job of the third arm of the scheme — the Faslane Wives' Voluntary Office.

They will provide the link between the naval drafting sections on the base and the volunteers, as well as keeping in touch with the official Families Service staffs in case full-scale welfare help is needed.

The Faslane Wives' Voluntary Office is at the Community Centre, 12-14 Fraser Avenue, Ardencape and initially will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 0930-1200. It offers a welcome to newcomers to the area and provides information about the naval and local communities.

The office would also be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to become volunteers for the new welfare projects.

New deal on offer from naval insurers

THE Home and Dry insurance policy, which was started six years ago for the Navy, has been updated with an expansion in the cover for married quarters and a generous free public liability clause.

Now included in the cover is personal property whether it is at home, in quarters, on board ship, or with you while you are on shore leave in the UK or abroad. Damage to a quarter for which the occupant is liable is also covered.

There is free insurance for up to £1 million to cover accidents to visitors in your home, and many other circumstances in which you might be liable to pay damages. A clause covers recovery of damages owing to you from a court judgment.

Premiums

People living in quarters are responsible for damage which they or their family cause, so claims made during MQ occupancy (damage reported at Outmuster is not included) may well off-set final dilapidation charges.

Premiums are based on the post-code area of the property, and rates vary from £9 a year for an unfurnished Type B, C or

D quarter, to £25 a year for a furnished Type 3 quarter.

The public liability clause will enable policy holders to meet their obligations in the event of an accident for which they may be held responsible.

Legal battle

For example, a boy went to a Guy Fawkes party in a married quarter garden and was blinded in one eye when a firework exploded accidentally.

His hosts were not insured so there will be a long legal battle and it is uncertain whether, in the end, the boy will receive worthwhile compensation. This all means great distress and worry for the several people involved.

Whether you live in a quarter or not, the Home and Dry package is well worth studying, particularly with its new features. Details and proposal forms for the updated scheme are available from Pay Offices, Married Quarter Offices and SAFABs.

ANGER OVER UP-RATING 'INJUSTICE'

WHEN a man suffers an injustice, real or imagined, it is sometimes the wife who seems to feel it more keenly especially when another fellow appears to be getting preferential treatment.

This was certainly the case when Mrs. D. learned that a leading marine engineering mechanic had been rated up to acting petty officer when he had not passed for the rate, and was being paid a PO's wage.

"My husband who is an LMED passed for PO two years ago," she said in a letter to Navy News.

"He feels angry that he studied and worked hard to pass exams and yet someone who has not passed for PO is doing a PO's job when there are people on the advancement roster waiting to pick up this rate."

"I do not wish to cause trouble, but feel strongly that this should not be allowed to happen."

Explanation

The Drafting Division of HMS Centurion "fully understood why the lady should regard the circumstances as unfair" and explained how they could arise:

"The rating you mentioned in your letter was advanced to local acting petty officer."

"The local acting rate is designed to cater for occasions when a vacancy occurs, in a ship or establishment, which is expected to last more than 21 days (for example, sickness, compassionate leave, temporary drafting shortage, etc)."

"In these circumstances, the commanding officer can either leave the post vacant, or, if he considers that it must be filled, he can advance a man from his ship's company if he is sure that the man is capable of carrying out the duties of the higher rate."

'Impractical'

"In these cases, ratings who have passed for the higher rate are given prior consideration."

"The local acting rate is relinquished immediately the vacancy ceases to exist or when the rating holding the local acting rate leaves the ship or establishment."

"It would be impractical if all qualified ratings within a branch were considered each time a temporary vacancy arose."

"The problem of moving ratings to and from billets for short periods (and at very short notice), possibly to non-preference areas, would be considerable and would be so disruptive as to be unacceptable to the rating concerned and his immediate family."

Straying sailors: A case of trust

LETTERS continue to arrive at Navy News on the subject of parties during ships' goodwill visits.

From some wives there had been a call to restrict such parties, but from both sailors and wives there appears acceptance that those people who wish to stray will do so — parties or not.

As one woman wrote, "Two can play at any game", adding, "After all, don't our sailor husbands and boy friends have to trust us at home? I'm sure they do their share of worrying".

So in the end it comes to a question of the level of trust in every relationship.

It is hoped that this correspondence will have emphasised the need to sustain that trust, rather than have aroused needless suspicions.

Update for Union Jack Club

THE UNION Jack Club in London is carrying out an extensive programme to modernise and upgrade facilities for members and guests.

In the latest and most important part of this programme eight bedroom floors have been converted to rooms with private bathrooms. Four of the floors consist mainly of single rooms and four mainly of double rooms and family suites.

Cost of the conversion of one of the single-room floors, together with extensive pipework required for the whole project, has been met by a Nuffield Trust Supergrant to the Army, which directed it to the club.

80th anniversary

The accommodation floor was opened by Admiral Sir Derek Empson, on behalf of the Nuffield Trust, on the 80th anniversary of the official opening of the club in 1907 by the future King George V.

The club, opposite Waterloo station is open to all serving ratings of the Royal Navy, and to retired Servicemen on application. There is a small annexe for officers.

The club's Christmas package — five nights from December 23 until breakfast on December 28 — includes Christmas dinner and buffet supper on December 25; and a social evening buffet for members in the Gascoigne Rooms on Boxing Day.

Prices for serving and ex-Servicemen: Single room, £75 (with private shower-WC, £90); double room, £145 (with private bath-WC, £175); children under 13, £35; family suites, £200. There is no charge for children under three when sharing parents' room.

Prices for temporary hon. members, including officers, are slightly higher.

For advance bookings by November 28 (or further details) contact the Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, Waterloo, London, SE1 8UJ.



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NEWSVIEW

Tasks stay as numbers still shrink

IF ANYONE queries the continuing value-for-money given by the Royal Navy, a swift review of current commitments should dispel doubts.

Just round the corner, like an accident waiting to happen, there has recently been a situation or incident demanding quick naval action. Sometimes it is far from home. It is salutary to recall how many such events, involving RN ships, aircraft and personnel, have put the Service in public focus over past months.

This autumn sees increased RN presence in the Gulf area, where the Armilla patrol has worked for many years and a minesweeping force now takes up station to ensure that Britain continues to play a full role in operations now involving many nations.

Rescue role

Earlier this year naval personnel played important roles following the terrible Zeebrugge disaster, both in its immediate aftermath and later in the task of recovering bodies.

Meanwhile, there has been a range of other rescue work, from the Richard Branson balloon incident to mercy missions by ships and helicopters and involving vessels of many kinds.

All the while the Navy's other regular patrols, including the Falklands task, continue, as do exercises large and small. At the same time the Service has sought to maintain land-based commitments like the Royal Tournament which mean so much to so many.

Juggling act

Quite obviously the organising — would juggling be a better word? — of manpower is a hugely complex problem which shows no signs of easing.

The reality is a workload which continues at the same level or increases — seldom decreases — and has to be carried out by shrinking numbers. For instance total naval strength fell by another 1,300 in the year ended June 30.

The situation is calling for great efficiency in use of manpower which in turn demands managers who are well trained for the job. And that, of course, includes the ability to re-plan and make it all work when yet one more unexpected task hoves into view.

EQUATING the Royal Navy's decreasing manpower with its continuing level of commitments is among the topics touched on in a new review of the naval scene world-wide over the past 15 years.

In the 90th edition of "Jane's Fighting Ships," Capt. John Moore RN (retd.) reflects — in his last foreword after 15 years as editor — on developments in technology, on what he sees as the need for changes in attitudes in the designing of both surface ships and submarines, and on the need for common equipment within NATO forces.

Of the Royal Navy, he says that manpower has been steadily whittled away from 83,400 in 1972 to 58,700 on January 1, 1987, with a forecast of 53,600 by 1993. So in 15 years there had been a drop of 24,700 uniformed people in the Service, with another 5,100 to go by 1993.

No fewer tasks

"Admittedly the Fleet has been cut to the bone but, certainly over the last five years, there has been no diminution of tasks. Although actual sea-time has varied little over the years, the important factor for the man in a ship, the time away from his home port, now averages 63 per cent for the major ships.

"This might not present a major difference from the situation which existed 15 years ago were it not for the change in the sea-shore ratio that has built up.

"Reduction in numbers has resulted in longer periods in sea-going billets which now run at three years per draft. Of this period 40 per cent should be spent in the base port, so current practice is resulting in longer periods of absence.

Early losses

"There are plans to increase the time in the base port, although what miracle of planning would achieve this is unclear. Once in port, however, the sailor is by no means allowed to spend all his non-working hours with his family.

"Were he serving in a merchant ship he might expect to spend between a third and a half of his time at home — the naval sailor is lucky if he manages 15 per cent. This is due to the amount of work involved in maintaining the complex modern ships and the need for periodic spells as duty watch.

"This unique form of life separates the sailor from those of his own age-group and this has the greatest effect on those in their early years in the Navy. It is significant that the highest point of the graph of those leaving the Service occurs at the age of 23. From then on there is a

Massive and comprehensive

THE 1987-88 volume of "Jane's Fighting Ships," the world-famous naval reference annual, is as comprehensive and well-illustrated as ever. It comes from Jane's Publishing Company Ltd., price £74.

Newly-published, too, by the same company is another massive and equally comprehensive tome, the 1987-88 "Jane's Weapons Systems" edited by Bernard Blake, price £83.

This year the volume has been altered in layout and divided into four main sections — strategic, land, sea and air.

very marked fall in withdrawals, with minor peaks at 31 and 41.

"Recently the numbers of those leaving has dropped in overall terms, but there are notable variations among different branches. But the situation remains one of considerable delicacy — a three per cent rise would result in major training problems for new entries."

The foreword continues: "Avoidance of such a crisis depends on a realisation of the fundamental causes and this understanding must be shared by the officers who can influence affairs and by politicians — not only those MPs with direct responsibility for Service affairs.

"The current attempt to ameliorate the problems of separation, the unacceptably high tempo of life both at sea and in the base ports, dissatisfaction with the ratio of time spent on

domestic chores as compared with the application of specialist training, unhappiness about the divisional system as the battle with bumph deflects officers from the proper care of those in their charge, will be of precious little use if the political managers impose a 'moratorium,' 'salami cuts,' fuel rationing and the like without due consideration of the impact of such measures on the sailors.

"The Ministry acknowledges them to be high-grade people and, as such, they deserve the best in leadership and consideration. Unless this is so, disillusion with the management is inevitable and these skilled people will take their abilities elsewhere."

Added burden

The foreword also says that someone once spoke of "operational slack" in the Royal Navy. Today that would be a dirty joke. "Any slack there ever was has now become tension. Fifteen years ago, Britain had withdrawn from the Far East, the Indian Ocean, the Mediterranean and the Caribbean and operated a Fleet of two cruisers and 80 frigates and destroyers. Tasks have not changed in 1987 — in fact, the requirement for ships in the Falklands and the Gulf has been an added burden."

Referring to the design of ships which have entered service in major navies in the last 15 years, the author says that naval architecture has fallen behind the times in many ways with examples of innovation in the smaller craft but with too many of the major classes showing a determined adherence to traditional principles.

He believes that in too many cases Western naval designers are too conservative and that it will not be until they change their attitudes that many of the problems with ship design, lack of space, too much weight above the waterline and susceptibility to extremely damaging missile attack will be overcome.



FOCUS ON THE LIFE OF FALKLAND ISLANDS VESSELS

Onyx is 21 in the sun

HM SUBMARINE Onyx celebrated her 21st birthday in the Caribbean sunshine on her way home from a 5½-month South Atlantic deployment.

Fifteen of the ship's company were joined by wives and girlfriends for a "families day" during the trip between Martinique and Barbados, where the birthday party was held.

After a bottle of champagne was smashed on the casing a cake was cut by the commanding officer's wife, Mrs Susie Boissier, before a much-enjoyed beach barbecue.

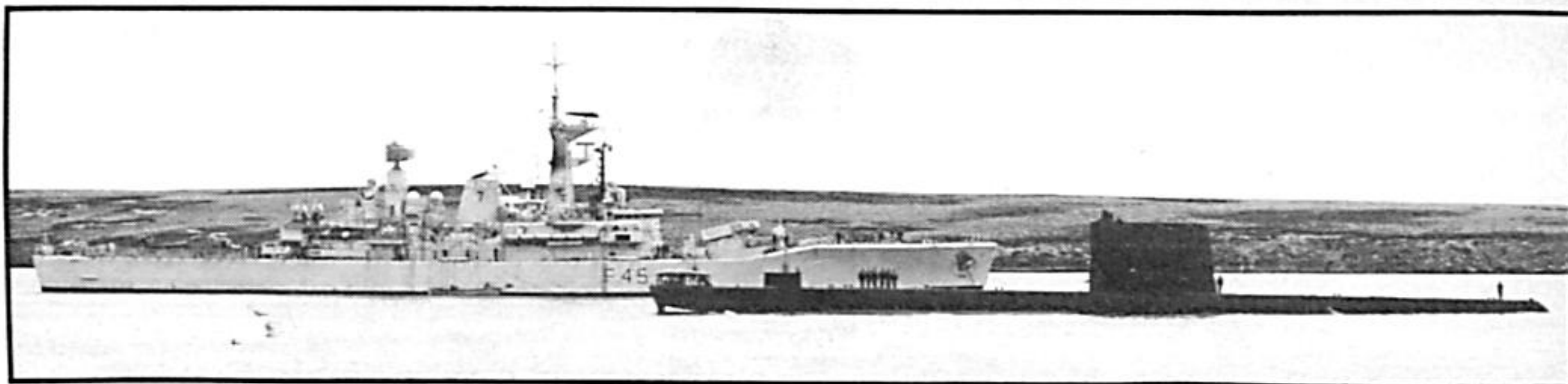
The Onyx had sailed from Gosport in March, with stops at Las Palmas, in the Canaries, and Ascension Island. On arrival on station, three Onyx ratings swapped places with three members of the Second Battalion Royal Irish Rangers.

While in the Falklands the commanding officer, Lieut.-Cdr. Paul Boissier, attended the Island's Liberation Ceremony, laying a wreath in memory of those who died in 1982. The ceremony had particular significance for the Onyx, for she was the only conventional submarine to take part in the conflict.

Chile

Leaving the Falklands with three more Irish Rangers embarked, the Onyx rounded Cape Horn before transiting the Patagonian Canals on her way to Valparaiso in Chile for an informal six-day visit.

Stopping next at Rodman Roads, the US Naval Station in Panama, the submarine then passed through the Panama Canal before entering the Caribbean.



HMS Onyx sails past HMS Minerva on arriving in East Cove, Falkland Islands.

PENELOPE'S FIFTH TOUR

HMS PENELOPE has become the first warship to complete a fifth tour in the Falkland Islands since the war in 1982.

She arrived home at Devonport via the West Indies last month, almost five months after leaving to take over from HMS Minerva, which departed the area on May 15 in a traditional farewell flurry of eggs, flour bombs and water hoses.

After a short maintenance period, the Penelope started her patrols in the Western Areas, involving a 100 per cent surface search every few days interspersed with the occasional visit to an island settlement.

At one stage Rear-Admiral

FRIGATE SETS RECORD FOR PATROL DUTIES

Guy Liardet, Flag Officer Second Flotilla, visited while the Penelope was exercising with her task unit, HMS Dumbarton Castle and RFA Green Rover.

In addition to patrols, the Penelope completed a successful high seas firing, conducted a sea

day for the Army and RAF, visited eleven settlements and re-supplied the garrison at South Georgia.

Many ship's company members took part in adventurous training courses and a working party was landed to help rebuild a barn at one of the settlements.

Dumbarton Castle has a break

HMS DUMBARTON CASTLE took a welcome break from her demanding duties as Falkland Islands Patrol Vessel with a rewarding five-day visit to the stunning scenery of South Georgia.

Dual purpose of the trip was to provide rest and recreation for the ship's company and to "deliver" 30 men of the Devon and Dorset Regiment Recce Company and their equipment for a four-month tour in the dependency.

The existing garrison of Irish Rangers, eagerly awaiting the ship that was to take them back to the Falklands, provided a warm and colourful welcome of red, green and mauve parachute flares over Grytviiken Harbour.

Along the coast at Stromness, the ship's company was able to relax with sport, barbecues, wildlife photography and exploration of nearby Husvik and Leith stations.

After embarking the Irish Rangers, the Dumbarton Castle visited the British Antarctic Survey Team on Bird Island before heading back to the routine of protecting the Falklands sovereignty, a task which will keep the ship on station until the middle of 1988.

Hermione meets Hermione

SIX-YEAR-OLD Hermione Bigland met her namesake, the warship HMS Hermione, during a visit by the ship to Douglas, Isle of Man.

Young Hermione, from St Johns, Isle of Man, was guest of honour on board the frigate for a day at sea which included simulated air attacks by RAF Buccaneers and a "man overboard" exercise.

The ship had been acting as the naval representative for the ancient Tynwald ceremony which was attended by Princess Margaret and the President of Iceland, and provided a naval platoon commanded by Lieut. John Cooper.

Floodlit

Spending five days at anchor, the ship was floodlit every night to provide a beautiful focal point in Douglas bay for holidaymakers and islanders alike.

During the visit, the Hermione was ably supported by the North West Area Sea Cadets and their motorised fishing vessel, which acted as liberty boat as well as transporting many visitors to the ship, including Sea Cadets, Sea Scouts, and underprivileged children from Dalmeny Children's Home.

The Hermione ship's company transferred to HMS Jupiter soon after the visit and the Hermione was handed over to the Senior Officer, Leander Refit Group to undergo a Leander Batch III garage refit.



SILVER DAY FOR OTTER

CELEBRATIONS to mark the silver jubilee of the Oberon-class submarine HMS Otter went with a swing.

The boat marked the 25th anniversary of her commissioning on August 20 with a families sports day and barbecue, followed by a dinner-dance at a Lee-on-Solent hotel.

Our picture shows the Otter's commemorative cake being cut by Mrs. Alison Ramm, wife of the boat's commanding officer, Lieut.-Cdr. S. C. Ramm. She was helped by the youngest member of the crew, SEA(S) K. Mortimer.

Since she emerged from a two-year refit at the end of 1986 the Otter has, during her fifth commission, visited Stavanger, Falmouth and many Scottish harbours.

Illustrious leads RN Safari group

MORE than 20 Royal Navy vessels took a major role in NATO's huge Exercise Ocean Safari '87 which ended on September 18.

Altogether more than 150 ships and 250 aircraft from 11 nations took part in the 18-day exercise designed to test the readiness and effectiveness of all participating HQs and forces to operate defence plans.

Role of the Royal Navy elements was mainly to provide anti-submarine protection for

the 60,000-ton aircraft carrier USS Forrestal.

Led by the carrier HMS Illustrious, the British ships included the destroyers and frigates Exeter, Scylla, Sirius, Gloucester, Argonaut, Amazon and Alacrity.

The Royal Navy also provided three submarines and mine countermeasures ships including Cattistock, Brereton, Maxton and Iveston. Support vessels included RFAs Tidespring, Olwen, Appleleaf, Fort Austin and Regent.

Four exercise convoys were routed from the Canaries to the South of England, while the forces involved inter-acted with those taking part in Exercise Botany Bay '87 in the North Sea and Baltic Approaches, and in Exercise Display Determination '87 in the Mediterranean.

For the first time since Spain became a member of NATO in 1982, her forces took part in a major exercise held by the Alliance.

Brereton lands a heavy catch

HMS BRERETON collected a large haul when she joined other minehunters in clearing the sea lanes and anchorages of the South of England during Exercise Ocean Safari.

In the Weymouth area, apart from mines laid for the exercise, she cleared from the seabed two Mark 8 torpedoes, a Mark 20 torpedo and an exercise mine from a previous event.

With nine assorted mines and torpedoes on board after two days, the Brereton broke off from the exercise to land her catch at Portland.

The ship's company were particularly pleased to renew friendships with the ships of NATO's Standing Naval Force

Channel who had exercised with the Brereton and ships of the Third MCM Squadron in the Clyde in July.

During a visit to Larvik in South Norway, the super-fit soccer teams from the Air Defence School at Stavanger took on the lads from the Brereton. The Norwegians' generally superior physical condition was reflected in the 10-0 final score, with the Brereton finishing second.

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RALEIGH'S SUPER-SCHOOL TRAINS THE SEA



On the replenishment-at-sea rig at HMS Raleigh, seamen specialists conduct a probe re-fuelling. • Above right: bollard work and berthing procedures are put into practice while, in the background,

On the crest of a

IT'S THE BEST IN THE WEST (OF EUROPE)

SEAMANSHIP training is riding the crest of a wave at HMS Raleigh. The new-entry establishment at Torpoint, Cornwall claims to have the best equipped seamanship school in Western Europe — and one of the most comprehensive in the world.

In recent years the training has changed to reflect the needs of a modern fleet, and is staffed by a new breed of experts.

Equipment is being constantly modernised as policy and ship design change, for modern techno-

logy does not make seamanship skills obsolete. They are as important now as they have always been.

New "tools of the trade" introduced at Torpoint include an extended RAS (replenishment at sea) rig, rigid inflatable boats (RIBs), a training barge and — soon to be incorporated — an advanced helmsman trainer for Type 22s.

Sea-sense

The RAS rig, which can give night training when nearby street lighting is switched off, now includes fully working anchors, a cables deck,

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The Type man trainer — moored of the trainees their skills in

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PO Alan Barley instructs non-seamen in passing chain and cordage stoppers.



Using models, PO Tony Orchard explains anchors and cables.

SEAMEN OF TOMORROW



nd, a group receives Mk II Danbuoy instructions.



Picture:
Derek Harris,
Swan Hunter.

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while boat crews can

practise bringing their craft along-
side and transporting buoy-jumpers
to and from the mooring buoy at the
Ajax's bows.

Officers, too

As well as teaching new-entry
sailors, the Seamanship School
plays host to groups from ships in
the Fleet, foreign and Common-
wealth navies, the Royal Naval
Reserve, Sea Cadet units, and
Royal Marines. The school also has
places for RN officers designated
as commanding officers or execu-
tive officers of warships.

Members of the Regulating and
PT branches attend for helmsman
training and are given individual
tuition to suit their requirements.
And as Western Europe's most
advanced establishment of its kind,
the school welcomes a stream of
visitors, from children's groups to
British and foreign VIPs.

As an added compliment, the
Royal Naval Seaman Specialist
Association now has its head-
quarters at the school and members
gather there annually for their
general meeting which helps to
maintain standards within the
Service.

PRODUCTS of the Seamanship School
at HMS Raleigh will serve on such
advanced warships as HMS Sheffield,
pictured here on her sea trials.

And their sea-wise training will be
needed, for modern technology has
not made seamanship obsolete. For
instance, the teaching aids at Raleigh
will soon include a technically-
advanced trainer for the Type 22 class,
the latest of which is the Sheffield.

Launched at the Wallsend yard of
Swan Hunter Shipbuilders Ltd. on

March 26 last year, the Sheffield
revives the name of the destroyer
which sank in the South Atlantic in
1982, and is the third to carry the
name.

The original Sheffield — the "Shiny
Sheff" — was commissioned on the
Tyne in August 1937, 50 years before
the new vessel's sea trials.

Commanding officer of the new
Sheffield is Capt. Nicholas Barker, who
commanded HMS Endurance during
the Falklands War.



O Artie Shaw teaches non-seamen how to "turn up" on bollards using wire and cordage.



"Conductor" PO Barley instructs in light jackstay procedures.

NOTICEBOARD

APPOINTMENTS

FOUR promotions to flag rank are included in recently-announced appointments.

Capt. N. J. Hill-Norton, who has been serving in MOD, became Flag Officer Gibraltar; Gibraltar Naval Base Commander; and COMBIMED from September 11 in the rank of rear-admiral. He is former commanding officer of the carrier HMS Invincible.

Commodore E. S. J. Larken, who commanded HMS Fearless during the Falklands conflict and more recently has been Commodore Amphibious Warfare, is to be promoted rear-admiral and to be Assistant Chief of Defence Staff (Overseas) from January 5.

Rear-Admiral D. R. Shervail, Chief Staff Officer (Engineering) to CINCFLEET, is appointed Director General Ship Refitting from October 27.

Succeeding him as Chief Staff Officer (Engineering) to

CINCFLEET on October 20 will be Capt. R. C. F. Hill, who is promoted rear-admiral. Capt. Hill's most recent appointment has been in command of HMS Raleigh.

Capt. D. M. Pulvertaft, who has been serving as Director Ship Refitting (Ship Projects), is to be promoted rear-admiral and become Director General Aircraft (Naval) on October 27.

Other appointments recently announced include:

Capt. J. Carine. Drake in command. February 19 (To serve as commodore).

Capt. D. G. Littlejohns. London in command. December 14.

Capt. C. L. MacGregor. Heron in command and as Flag Capt. to FONAC. February 9.

Capt. G. N. Leveratt. Coventry as senior officer January 19 and in command on acceptance.

Capt. D. Hart-Dyke. Director of Naval Recruiting. October 30.

Cdr. D. G. Snelson. Liverpool in command. February 8.

Lieut.-Cdr. G. A. R. McCready. Upholder September 16 1987 in command.

Director WRNS

THE next Director WRNS has been named as Supt. Anthea Saville, who is to be promoted Commandant and take up the post in March.

Supt. Saville started a year-long defence studies course in January as the first Navy woman to attend the Royal College of Defence Studies in London.

Earlier she had been the first WRNS officer to be chief staff officer (administration) to Flag Officer Plymouth.

After joining the WRNS in 1956 her duties including plotting and analysis of air gunnery. She was commissioned in 1960 and her appointments have included the Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre (UK) at Huntingdon; staff of Commander Far East and CINC Far East, both in Singapore; and NATO staff in Brussels.

ACPOEA(L) Potts, HMS Brilliant, Devonport Dockyard ext. 219. Drafted HMS Sultan, Dec. Will swap for any Devonport shore establishment or ship, but will consider shore establishment in any area.

RO1(G) North, Commcen Whitehall, drafted HMS Blackwater, Rosyth. Will swap for any Portsmouth ship not deploying.

AB(S) M. J. Dalton, HMS Raleigh ext. 333, drafted HMS Achilles, Nov. Will swap for any Devonport ship.

AB(EW) Caldwell, HMS Minerva, Devonport, will swap for any Portsmouth shore base or any US8/9 Portsmouth ship.

AB(R) Jarvis (Manual), 1 Mess, HMS Hecla, deploying Nov. Will consider anything.

MEM(L)1 P.B. Tait, SNONI, drafted HMS Herald, Feb. Will swap for any Rosyth ship.

RO1(T) Simpson, 3D Mess, HMS Glasgow, drafted HMS Mercury, Dec. for six months on non-preference draft. Will swap for any sea or shore draft to Rosyth, but anything considered.

WR0 K. Whiteley, White Watch, Commcen Faslane. Will swap for Portland draft.

WEM(O)1 Randall, 3P Mess, HMS Nottingham, drafted DILSUP, Portsmouth, Jan. Will swap for any Portland area shore base.

AB(EW) Scott (UAAI trained), Commcen Whitehall, drafted HMS Dryad end of September. Will swap for any Portsmouth or Devonport ship.

LSTD P. Treadwell, One Mess, HMS Boxer, deploying Jan. Will swap for any Plymouth-based ship not deploying.

LSTD A. Bispham, 3K Mess, HMS Sirius, will swap for any Rosyth-based ship.

CPOAEA(M) Lyttelton, drafted 819 Squadron, Prestwick, Jan 88. Will consider swap for any front-line draft at Yeovilton, Portland or Cuddestone area. Tel. HMS Heron ext. 316.

POWEM(R) S. D. Barnard, drafted HMS Edinburgh, Rosyth, Feb 88, will swap for any ship/shore in Devonport. Contact PO's Mess, HMS Collingwood.

SA Yendall, HMS Seahawk, drafted HMS Cumberland, Yarrow, Feb 88, will swap for any Plymouth/Portsmouth based ship.

AB(M) K. A. Brown (TI op), 6E1 Mess, HMS Ark Royal, deploying next year, will swap for any Plymouth-based Leader.

LS(M) Jacobs, 3D Mess, HMS Amazon (Devonport DED Dec-April) will swap for any Portsmouth-based ship.

LSA M. Hill, 3G Mess, HMS Brave, will swap for any other ship.

AB(MW) B. Moore, HMS Atherstone, will swap for any other ship.

WTR C. P. Hughes, HMS Cattistock, drafted to Commodore Minor War Vessels (Rosyth) Jan 88 (full draft), will swap for any other frigate or destroyer.

WEM(R)1 P. M. Cooke, North Corner Group EMR Workshop, Portsmouth Naval Base, drafted to HMS Manchester (Portsmouth-based) Jan 88, will swap for HMS Edinburgh or other Rosyth-based ship.

WEM(O)1 C. Holmes, HMS Cochrane, Rosyth, LRG, drafted to HMS Bristol (Portsmouth-based) Jan 88, will swap for HMS Edinburgh, or any Type 42 deploying.

AB(R) A. D. Wiltshire, 3Q Mess, HMS Nottingham, drafted to HMS Heron, Feb 88, will swap for any Portsmouth shore base.

CPOAEA(M) Walker, drafted NATIU, HMS Daedalus, Jan 88, will swap for

(Glasgow), A. W. Smith (Broadsword).

CPOMEAL(L) — J. Waggitt (Resolution, Stbd).

ACPOEA — S. A. Benham (Dolphin), N. D. Royle (Repulse, Port), C. M. Urquhart (Repulse, Stbd).

CPOAEA(R) — P. Burch (829 NAS).

CPOAEA(L) — I. Trevelyan (829 Flt 221).

CPOAEA(WL) — C. J. Young (Osprey).

ACPOAEA(WL) — M. Chevis (829 NAS).

CPOWEA — T. D. Bailey (Apollo, A. D. Blakemore (Defiance), G. A. Calder (FOST), A. J. Dormer (Collingwood), I. A. Gibson (Cochrane), D. S. Howell (Jupiter), D. W. A. Irvine (Cumberland), S. W. Tickle (Charybdis), M. Williams (Ariadne).

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Admiral with the uncommon touch . . .

FOR the son of a Bohemian artist to choose a naval career is remarkable enough; for him to rise to the highest rank of the Service provides the inquiring mind with its favoured fodder: an enigma.

The progress of Caspar John — son of painter Augustus — to the position of First Sea Lord in the 1960s has been treated as an intriguing anomaly by a generation of observers.

To Caspar, the issue was always irritating. He disliked journalism for its distortions, and when presented with the inevitable question about his background he would merely parry with ill-concealed scorn.

Perhaps it was because he could not provide an answer, rather than would not. And though a new biography of Admiral of the Fleet Sir Caspar John gives us a fascinating insight into the life of a man of great depth, it falls short of fully establishing the root-motives which brought him to the doors of the Admiralty.

Caspar John by daughter Rebecca does, however, provide many clues. Was it a rebellion on the side of order that fired the teenage Caspar — one of nine children in a home in which his father's unorthodox life-style hardly provided a settled environment? Did he feel a deep need to remove himself from the John household, where "Augustus frightened his sons with his sudden changes of mood, so that at an early age they were reduced to silence in his presence"?

Were these feelings then combined with a sense of adventure and news of naval exploits which seemed to have gripped the young Caspar?

Bewilderment

Whatever the reasons, his announcement in his early teens that he wished to join the Royal Navy was greeted with scorn and bewilderment by Augustus, although he did not stand intransigently in his son's way, commenting characteristically: "At least that will be one less brat on my hands."

Later in life the great painter could not disguise the pride which he felt in his son's achievements. As early as the 1930s he gave tempered praise when, on hearing that Caspar's brother Henry wanted to travel to Syria, he wrote to him fiercely: "Most of your brothers

are like slugs. Caspar alone moves . . ."

Caspar moved indeed. Despite a poor academic start at Dartmouth, his subsequent drive, efficiency and reliability were unfailingly applauded by successive commanding officers.

As his story unfolds, the firm conclusion is reached that too much has been made of the contrasts between father and son, when in fact their similarities provide the key to Caspar's success.

Discipline

"Resilience, and a capacity to keep going under stress; the ability to cram more into the day than others could manage in a week and still to emerge ready for more; these are the attributes without which success in any competitive career is impossible," writes Rebecca. "Caspar had inherited them from Augustus, and subjected them to a control and discipline which his father never sought for."

He also inherited aspects of the individuality and liberalism that ran rife in Augustus. Caspar was an early recruit to the Fleet Air Arm and became a dedicated advocate of naval air power — a cause which he was to champion for the rest of his Service life.

"He was not a great promoter of tradition for tradition's sake, and would question whether the fact that something had been done in a certain way for 50 or 100 years necessarily proved that it should be continued."

"Indeed, he was inclined to think that it was evidence that it should be stopped at once, a heretical point of view which earned him bad marks among the more conservative members of the naval establishment."

He was an untypical naval

officer. He bore tattoos on both arms; among his drinking companions he numbered the reprobate poet Dylan Thomas; and on politics and religion he retained a somewhat open mind.

Although a fine conversationalist in company which interested him, his impatience with the people who did not was manifested in a dour silence.

"His stern air and bushy eyebrows (which were a subject of fun at home with his children) seem to have made an unforgettable impression on those who met him for the first time. He frightened a lot of people in Whitehall, and the fact that he was a man of few words did not help to put people at their ease."

Severe cuts

His professional capabilities were, however, in demand. In 1956, Earl Mountbatten (then First Sea Lord himself) chose Caspar as Vice Chief of the Naval Staff, and although Admiral John "deplored the flamboyance, the self-promotion, above all the deviousness of the First Sea Lord" he took the job, in time growing to respect Mountbatten's immense qualities.

When Caspar eventually took on Mountbatten's mantle he was forced to preside over the severest cuts in Britain's naval might. Through it all, though, he pressed the need for "a proper Navy" (with potent air power) and for the development of the first all-British nuclear submarines.

Typically, Caspar hated the Whitehall in-fighting, and decided to retire from the post in 1963. It must have been a sore disappointment to him that two years after his departure, the Government cancelled the



Admiral of the Fleet Sir Caspar John . . . "he had a certain inherited Bohemianism."

carrier programme he had advocated.

"There are men who would be alive today," writes Rebecca, "and ships that would not have been sunk, if governments had stuck to the policy Caspar put forward."

Although considered for the job of Chief of the Defence Staff, Caspar had made it known that he was not in the running. And, consistent with his dislike of pomp and show, he refused a peerage.

Lord Carrington, who was First Lord of the Admiralty during Caspar's tenure of power, gives the most lucid description of him as "one of the outstanding personalities of his generation, with all the best traditions of the Royal Navy combined with a certain inherited Bohemianism which lightened the very serious side of his character. He inspired awe and affection, and for those who were privileged to work with him, admiration as well."

Although not an entirely objective account — how could it be? — Rebecca John's work is a fine portrait of an extraordinary member of an extraordinary family.

In preparing the book she worked closely with her father who, towards the end of his life, in his eighties, wheelchair-bound and in pain, journeyed with her through his memoirs. The result, marking her debut as a biographer, is a work of which Caspar — with his keen sense of professionalism and creativity — would have approved.

"Caspar John" is published by Collins, price £12.95.

Indestructible love of Jack and 'Girlie'

AS THE Japanese holocaust of 1941 consumed southern Asia, one of the most enduring love stories of the war had its beginning at Shanghai.

Welsh sailor Jack Honywill was a wounded survivor from the river patrol vessel HMS Peterel, attacked and sunk in the Yangtse River as hostilities opened.

Near to death, he was treated at a French convent hospital in the international city. There to help was Evelyn (Girlie) Gander, the 17-year-old daughter of a British Customs official.

that her life had been a series of unfinished chapters, she began a letter to Jack, who had told her during the war that he came from Cwmfellinfach, near Newport, South Wales.

"Dear Jack," she wrote, "Forty years ago you told me I could reach you at this address . . ."

Marriage

The letter reached him. They met and discovered they were still in love. "They were married in May, in apple-blossom time as Jack would have it," writes Evelyn, slipping into the third person in the latter pages of her book. "Two incurable romantics had proved to themselves there was such a thing as true love and kindred spirits."

Sadly, their new-found happiness was short-lived. Jack had suffered from heart disease for many years, and seven months after their marriage, he died.

But characteristically, there is no sense of gloom in Evelyn, even in this. The unfinished chapter had been written: "Whatever was to come, her life was complete and he would be with her forever now."

Evelyn Honywill's story has beauty without sugariness; romance without sentimentality. Her keen observer's eye and memory bring to the reader a vivid and objective account of her experiences and of those around her, the whole held taut by the indestructible thread of her love.

"At His Imperial Majesty's Pleasure" is published by The Book Guild Ltd., 25 High Street, Lewes, Sussex, price £9.95.

No bitterness

Their wartime stories, together and apart, are told by Evelyn in a superbly crafted, novel-like work, *At His Imperial Majesty's Pleasure*. The book does, of course, deal with the by now well-known privations, ill-treatment, disease and food shortages suffered by those in Japanese captivity during the Second World War. But there is not a hint of bitterness in Evelyn's story, written with humour, compassion and, above all, love.

Inevitably, she lost touch with Jack, who by the end of the war had been transferred to a camp in Japan. After repatriation she married an American and emigrated to the USA, but the marriage "had been wrong for her" and she returned to Britain.

With the sudden feeling

Purple people-eater turns into nice guy

WITH an accent that wobbles precariously between Washington and Wagga Wagga, Aussie superstar Mel Gibson tackles his first Hollywood movie in *Lethal Weapon*.

He plays a cop grieving for a dead wife and consequently given to suicidal impulses, much to the dismay of his partner — played by Danny Glover, so memorably nasty in "The Colour Purple" and here, for a switch, playing a nice guy.

All action

The first half is notable for its very black comedy, while for the rest, the film adopts the "Aliens" strategy of beginning the climax at about the midway point, so that the film's last half is virtually non-stop action.

Rather more restful is *Radio Days*, Woody Allen's

SCREEN SCENE by Bob Baker

comic reminder of that pre-TV age when people were listeners instead of viewers, and when the sound-only soaps and thrillers held audiences in perhaps even greater thrall than today's equivalents.

It consists of a series of gags and sketches, linked by Allen himself reminiscing on the soundtrack. The first sketch, about two burglars and a quiz show, is a classic.

There are five other 16mm releases this month. All are comedies of some description: *Police Academy 4* — Citi-

zens on Patrol repeats the successful formula.

Mannequin is an odd-ball farce about the spirit of an ancient Egyptian princess time-travelling to the present and bringing a plaster shop-window model to life.

Nothing in Common features a young comedian (Tom Hanks) and, as his father, a comic of an older generation, Jackie Gleason, who sadly died earlier this year.

Sexy trimmings

Firewalker is a comedy-adventure shot on location in Mexico, a fate which regrettably did not befall its star, Chuck Norris. The film itself is action all the way.

Something Wild is hard to classify, except to say that it's a dramatic comedy thriller with some discreetly sexy trimmings.

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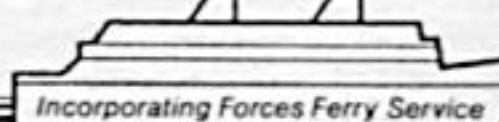
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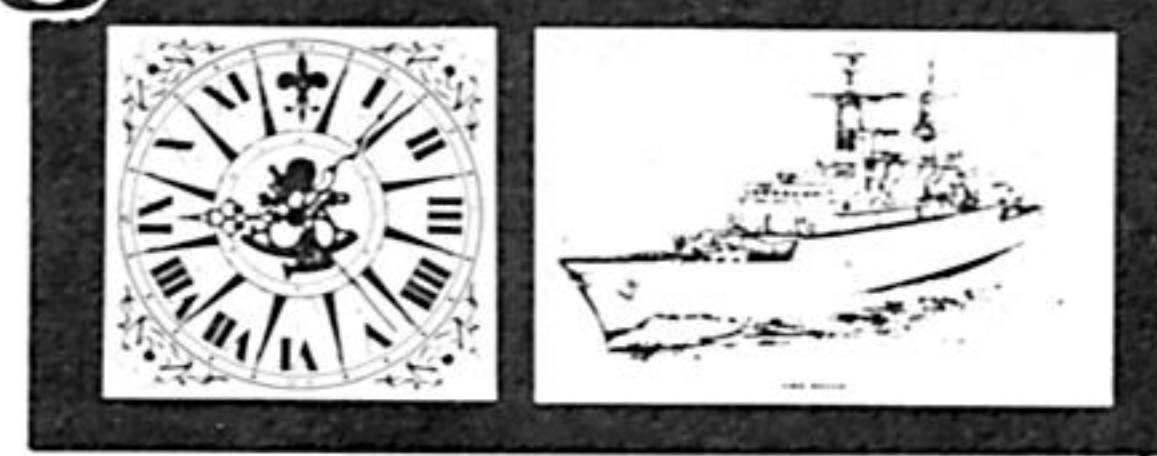
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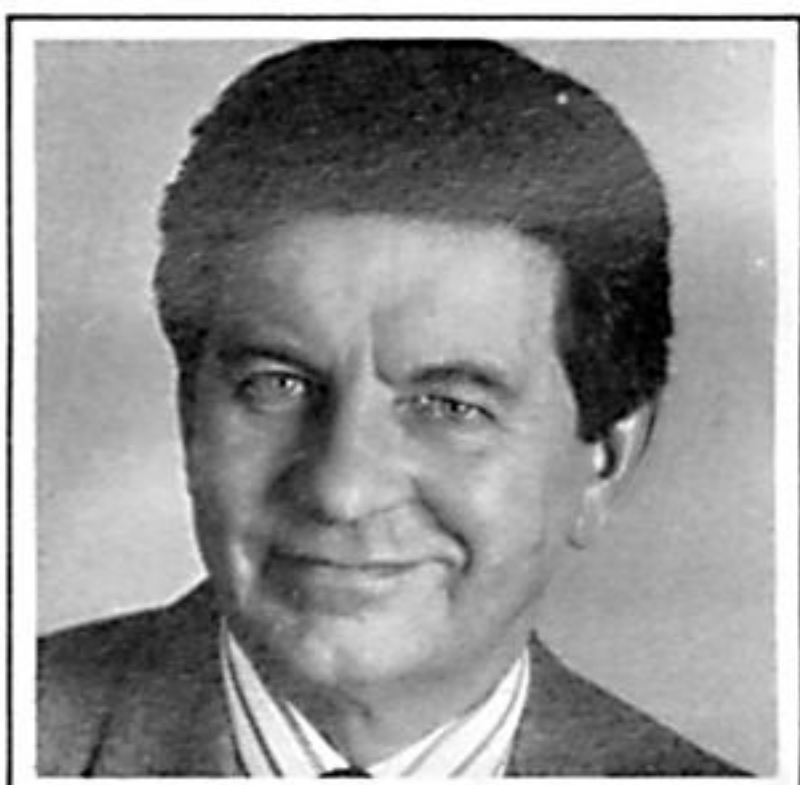
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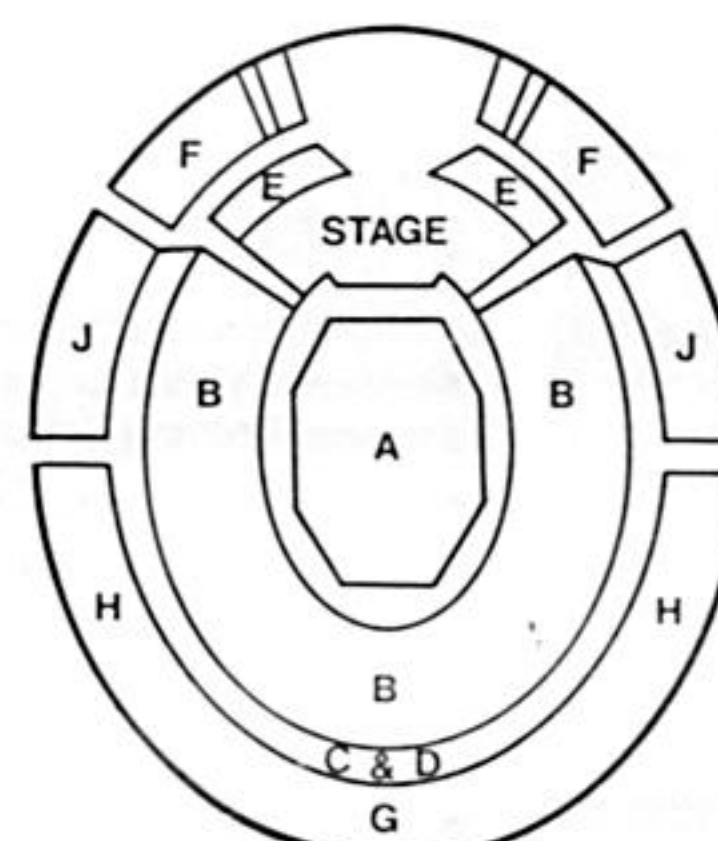
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than we anticipated . . ."

"Both the materials" (glass, copper and steel) "and the shape of the finished sculpture are meant to express the functional beauty of the apparatuses on board," said Mr. Ashton (39), who has had several solo exhibitions in London, at home in his

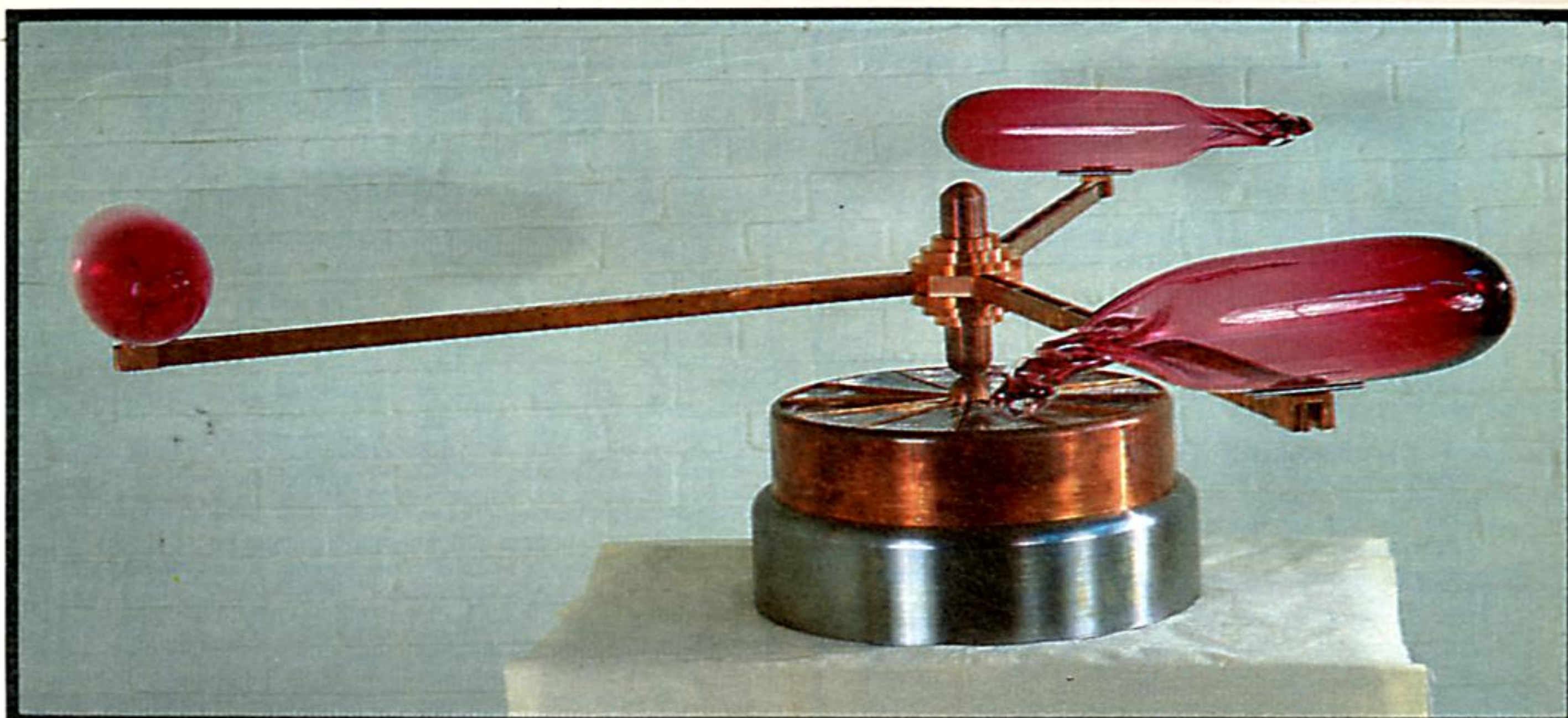
native Liverpool, and abroad.

He spent three days at sea in HMS Valliant last year and this experience of life with the Submarine Service (motto: "We Come Unseen") determined the shape of the work, he said.

The engine-like hub repre-

sents the seat of the submarine's various detection devices; the rotating beams call to mind radar sweeps; and the hand-blown glass shapes refer to both the whale-like hull and the torpedoes carried on board.

"They are also a sensuous



Picture: Trustees of the Imperial War Museum.

evocation of liquid," he explained in his report to the museum's Artistic Records Department.

Knowing that it would be in storage for much of the time, Mr. Ashton designed the work so it would break down "rather like a weapon."

It should, he concludes, be

sufficiently compelling to entice the observer to discern a recognisable pattern of conception in the work as a whole."

We are told, however, that the museum has no plans to exhibit "Nuclear Submarine Piece 1987" in the immediate future.



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BRITISH AEROSPACE



Triple DSM honoured by Neptune

THE OLD Cornish name of Mallett is now linked with the Clyde Submarine Base on the Gareloch in Scotland.

At a ceremony in Faslane Mrs. Loveday Mallett, of St Austell, widow of CPO Alfred Mallett, unveiled a commemorative plaque at the entrance of a new accommodation block for senior rates.

The building has been named Mallett Block in memory of CPO Mallett — the only rating in the Submarine Service to be awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and two bars.

Chief Mallett, born in 1912, joined the Royal Navy at the age of 15, and volunteered for the Submarine Service in 1937. At the outbreak of war he was serving in HMS Ursula, the boat in which he was awarded his first DSM.

In 1943 he received the first bar to his DSM for his services in HMS Una. Later that year he joined HMS Terrapin and sailed for the Far East where the boat received one of the worst hammerings of the war.

The Terrapin was trapped on the bottom in only 57ft. of water while a Japanese frigate made repeated depth-charge runs above.

The boat eventually escaped but was written off by the Navy. As a result of the action, CPO Mallett received the second bar to his DSM.

After the war he became an escape instructor, retiring from the Navy in 1952. He died in 1985.

Mallett Block provides accommodation for 120 senior rates to Grade I standard. It is part of a package of accommodation improvements in HMS Neptune. The work has included new blocks for Wrens, junior rates and junior officers, and some refurbishment of existing ratings' blocks.

More improvements to mess and recreation facilities are planned as part of the Trident redevelopment programme.



With Commodore Patrick Rowe and WO David Loch at the Mallett Block plaque unveiling ceremony are members of the Mallett family, including (in front row from right) Mrs. Mallett, her sister-in-law Mrs. Hamilton, and her daughter Mrs. Painter.

HK Squadron help stem I.I. flood

SHIPS of the Hong Kong Squadron were deployed in the summer to help stem a sudden flood of Vietnamese illegal immigrants arriving from China.

Resources of the Royal Hong Kong Police were seriously stretched by the influx, with more than 2,700 Vietnamese refugees arriving in the Colony during July compared with only 2,276 in the whole of last year.

HK Squadron vessel HMS Swift alone caught 274 of the "I.I.s" in six boats off the Soko Islands in the south-west approaches to the Territory.

Of her sister-ships, HMS Starling detained 67 of the immigrants while HMS Plover caught 32 Chinese immigrants. Third Raiding Squadron Royal Marines detained 65 Vietnamese and three Chinese, while the Plover also assisted the police in

the handling of 106 Vietnamese.

The Vietnamese had lived for up to ten years in the southern provinces of China, and had been encouraged to move to Hong Kong by false rumours that it was possible for them to settle there and that other Western countries were now prepared to accept more refugees.

As well as being kept busy rounding-up the immigrants, the Swift found time to exercise with three ships of the Royal Australian Navy and to welcome on board the new Commander British Forces Hong Kong, Maj.-Gen. Garry Johnson.

After their spate of tasks, the Swift and Plover deployed for three weeks to Thailand.



Photos' trophy entry details

JUDGING of this year's Peregrine Trophy Competition, which is open to all members of the RN Photographic Branch, takes place on November 18, and entries should reach the Fleet Photographic Unit at Portsmouth by November 6.

The prizes for winning entries will be presented at the Peregrine Trophy party at the Victory Club, HMS Nelson, on November 21. Tickets, at £5.50 each, can be obtained from the Fleet Photographic Unit, Postal Point 15, HM Naval Base, Portsmouth, PO1 3LR.

Wings and prayers for the Princess Royal



Holding wild flowers presented by children, the Princess Royal meets naval families during her tour of RN air station Cudmore.

Royal

IN a busy day at RN air station Cudmore, the Princess Royal presented wings badges to 19 student aircrew, opened a new education and church complex and met Wrens both at work and play.

At the Wings Parade, the Princess, wearing the uniform of the Chief Commandant of the WRNS, presented badges to six observers, ten pilots and three aircrewmen who had successfully completed this phase of their flying training.

She then met WRNS personnel at work in the Communications Centre and Unit Personnel Office and after a buffet lunch with officers and their guests in the Wardroom, walked to the Sports Centre to see a WRNS sporting olympiad and to meet participants and spectators.

As she left the building she stopped and talked to naval families, receiving posies of wild flowers from excited children.

Chapels

Crossing to the new church and education complex, named The Princess Royal Building, Princess Anne unveiled a plaque to mark the occasion. Also present at the ceremony were the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, Viscount Falmouth, the Mayor of Helston, Cllr. Donald Eddy, and the Chairman of Kerrier District Council, Mrs Barbara Waters.

The £750,000 centre houses three chapels for the Church of England, Church of Scotland and Roman Catholic Church. There is also an education centre with library, five classrooms, two activity rooms, a conference room, Family Services with works liaison offices.

On her tour of the building, the Princess met the chaplains and education centre staff and later took tea with local dignitaries and staff of the Property Services Agency who worked on the building.

Seahawk march through Helston

A COMBINED volunteer band from HMS Seahawk and the Fleet Air Arm that had come together for the Princess Royal's visit to RN air station Cudmore, stayed together to take part in a parade to celebrate HMS Seahawk's Freedom of the Borough of Helston.

The parade has become an annual feature since 1958, when the establishment was first granted the honour. This year the Mayor of Helston made a special presentation of a barometer to the commanding officer, Capt. Jimmy James, to mark the fortieth anniversary of HMS Seahawk.

Over 150 men and women exercised their right to march through the streets of Helston, with the ensign party taking the lead and the guard and band and two platoons of sailors and Wrens following.

As is traditional on this occasion, the event was marked with a flypast of aircraft from RNAS Cudmore. This year the flypast was led by the Gazelle helicopter of 705 Squadron, followed by the ASW and AEW Seakings and the familiar Wessex of 771 Squadron. Above the helicopter formation was a trio of the fixed wing Jetstream aircraft from 750 Squadron.

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HMS Norfolk 1939-1945 Commission: Thanksgiving service Oct 10, 1987 at 4 p.m. in Church of the Ascension, Crownhill, Plymouth, conducted by the Rev. Kenneth Mathews, the wartime chaplain. The annual reunion dinner will be held at the Astor Hotel, Plymouth Hoe, at 1900 for 1945, dress informal, the same day. Details from the secretary, 44 St Margarets Road, Plympton, Plymouth PL7 4RZ (tel. 0752-337915).

British and US Coastguard Cutters 1941-45: Guests of honour at the first reunion, attended by 56 at the Merchant Navy Hotel, London, were Cdr. Winston G. Churchill USCG, Deputy Commander US Coastguard Activities Europe, and his wife, and Mrs. M. M. Skinner, of Alverstoke, whose late husband was commanding officer of two of the cutters. Any other old shipmates are asked to contact Jack Woodhams, 106 Downton Road, Penhill, Swindon SN2 5JZ.

Exeter Cathedral Trafalgar Day Service: To be held on Sunday, October 18 at 11.15 a.m., when the Rev. Ross Hook, Second World War RNVR chaplain and former Chief of Staff to Archbishop of Canterbury, will be preacher. The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Commandos will play during the service and the collection will be shared between Cathedral funds and King George's Fund for Sailors.

HMS Eagle Survivors: Many shipmates were reunited after 45 years at the successful reunion at the Royal Sailors Home Club, Portsmouth, on August 11. Next year's reunion will be at the same venue, on the same date.

HMS Indefatigable: After the successful inaugural reunion in April it is proposed to hold a second on April 1, 1989 (Kamikaze Day anniversary). Any ship's company and squadron members who did not attend the first and who wish to receive details of second when finalised should contact Gerry Purnell, 164B Green Lanes, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B73 5LT (tel. 021-382-6648).

HMS Centaur: The first meeting of the newly-formed association has been held, with membership currently 150. Anyone interested should contact the secretary, CCAEA Dave Knott, HMS Gannet, Greensite, Prestwick Airport, Monkton, Ayrshire KA9 2RZ.

Malta Convoys: Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin has agreed to be president of the newly-formed George Cross Island Association, which welcomes as members all who served in Malta during the Second World War. For details write to the secretary, Mr. F. J. Plenty, 43 Sydenham Road, Bridgwater TA6 4QD (0278 424641). SAE please.

HMS Hazard (1937-46): Reunion October 24 at Sea Cadets Hall, Mellison Road, Tooting, London, 6.30-11.30 p.m.

HMS President III: It is proposed to hold a reunion in London in the spring. Details: Edna and Ron Skinner, 16 Fort Lane, Dursley GL11 4LH (0453 2238).

Deep Sea Scouts: In celebration of the diamond jubilee of the branch a dinner has been arranged for July 2 in London. Details: Miss G. A. Davis, 5 Victoria Road, Chingford, London E4 6BY. Current members are reminded that the 1988 annual week-end reunion will be on March 18-20. Details: Activities Section, The Scout Association, Gilwell Park, Chingford, London E4 7QW.

RN and RM Gunnery and Missile Constructors' Association: 500th meeting on May 12; reunion dinner on May 13. Contact Len Hance, 33 Romsey Avenue, Portsmouth PO3 6DG.

846 Squadron (1943-45) held their first reunion at Brewood, Staffs. Any ex-members interested in the next meeting should contact Ted Billingham, 9 Micklegate, Brewood, Staffs. ST19 9JF (tel. 0902-850517).

HMS Pearl (1935-46): Second reunion on May 14 at Padiham, Lancs. Contact Geoff Lancashire, 1 Rowsham Court, South Hill Avenue, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middx HA1 3NX (tel. 01-422-2357).

HMS Rodney Association: Second reunion was held at HMS Drake and attended by 126 members, greetings being received from the Bismarck Association, Hamburg. Further information about the association may be gained by contacting the secretary, Mr. E. Beeston, 10 Parkside Drive, Redhills Road, Arnsdale, Camforth, Lancs. LA5 0BU (tel. 0524-761547).

HMS Manchester Association: Special service to be held at the St Ann's Church, Portsmouth Dockyard at 10 a.m. Nov. 22. Contact the secretary, Mr. L. McDonald, 37 Edmund Road, Southsea, Hants, PO4 0LL (tel. 0705-739384), stating home town, car colour, make and number.

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HMS Wolfe (1943-45), Mess 15: Contact Ex-AB F. J. Hilliard, 9 St Peters Street, Stamford, Lincs. PE9 2PQ.

HMS Colossus, 827 Squadron: Please write to Harry Simm, 83 Beauforts Avenue, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9RN.

HMS Daedalus from Jan. 1969: Ex-REM(A)2 Barry Tipton would like to hear from any members of his class who can confirm his sea-time spent in the Merlin on a cruise to Cherbourg, Alderney and Cowes (required to be logged for RYA qualifications for voluntary youth-club work). Also on the trip were John Dabell, Terry Bolton and Jock Morgan. Contact 56 Barnfield Drive, Westhoughton, Bolton BL5 3UA (tel. 0942-813669).

HM ships Cumberland, Froisher, Renown (1931-40): Mr. Paul Simpson, grandson of the late Mr. Harry Simpson, asks anyone who remembers his grandfather from these ships to contact him at 91 South Undercliff, Rye, East Sussex TN31 7HW.

HMS Leamington: Mr. C. Green, 3 Addy

Crescent, South Elmsall, Pontefract, W. Yorks. WF9 2XF, would like to contact anyone who commissioned the Leamington at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

HMS St Vincent, Anson 82 Class (1950-51): All ex-members are sought by Mr. Norman Wheeler, 13 Thornhill Avenue, Thornhill, Southampton SO2 6PU (tel. 0703-46474).

HMS Snowflake, adapted by Marlborough during Warship Week, 1941: Marlborough branch of the Royal Naval Association are seeking ex-members of the ship's company. Contact Mr. Dave Evans, Marlborough RNA, Bear Hotel, Marlborough, Wilts.

HMS Scarborough (1969-70): Ex-LME J. Pike, 14 Plym Close, Torquay (tel. Torquay 615279) seeks Chief Mech. Jacques (believed rated fleet chief, last heard of in Saltash).

HMS Dundas (1961-62): Ex-AB Mike Pearce, RNH Haslar (tel. Portsmouth 822351 ext. 2595) seeks ex-AB Peter Dedman.

HMS Arethusa (1942-43): Ex-AB Harold Pearce (80) seeks old shipmates, especially those on board when the Arethusa was torpedoed in the Mediterranean. Contact 173 Purlpit, Atworth, Melksham, Wilts. (tel. 0225-705088).

LST 405 (1942-46): Ex-Stoker Ron (Sam) Morris is seeking D-Day shipmates who would allow him to photo-copy their copy of a drawing of the crew on the beach by a Canadian war artist. He has lost his copy. Contact 47 Rydal Close, Warndon, Worcs. WR4 9DG (tel. Worcester 25415).

HMS Scourge: Mr. W. H. Swift, 37 New Road, Lovedean, nr. Portsmouth, Hants. (tel. 0705-591032) seeks shipmates with a view to holding a reunion.

HMS Repulse (1939-41): Y-turret survivors sought by Joe Armstrong, 33 Loxley Road, Northchurch, Berkhamsted, Herts. HP4 3PS (tel. 044-276178).

African Coastal Flotilla 1943-44, Bastia, Corsica: Lieut.-Cdr. Patrick Whinney RNVR (ret'd) seeks news of ex-PO Bates and Ex-LSs Marchant and Luff. Contact La Balise, Grand Havre, Guernsey, Channel Islands (tel. Guernsey 45977).

HMS Chelsea (1940-42): Sto. Mark (Scouse) Marren, now living in Ontario, is seeking old shipmates. Write to him c/o Mr. T. M. Govier, 17 Russet Grove, Scarborough, Yorks. YO12 6HS.

HMS Marve (1944-46): Ex-RM A. C. Brunyee and Lieut. K. Roebuck wish to contact any ex-Royals who served there and in 410 and 411 LCA Flotillas. Contact Mr. Bunyee, 54 Wellington Grove, West End, Doncaster DN5 9RW (tel. 0302-874358).

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HMS Vimiera 1940: Mr. Norman Hird, 139 City Way, Rochester ME1 2BE, would like to renew acquaintance with former shipmates.

HMS Kempenfelt (1938-39): Ex-Sig. Stuart (Piano) Lockier, 51 Pickwick House, Wingfield Street, Landport, Portsmouth, Hants. PO1 4PD (tel. 0705-750420) is seeking old shipmates, especially Topsy Turner (tel.). He would also like to contact any members of the A-boats in the 18th Destroyer Flotilla with a view to a reunion and/or forming an association.

HM ships Spey (1943-45) and Taff (1945-46): Mr. D. J. Balkeville, 20 Laurel Road, Gittisham Vale, Honiton, Devon EX14 8XN is seeking his shipmates.

HMS Prince of Wales: Barbara Hughes, 2 Dashmenden Close, Wainscott, Rochester, ME2 4PB, would like to contact anyone who knew her father, CPOCK Gordon Alonzo Phillips, a survivor of the Prince of Wales, but lost later in the merchant ship Anking, off Java.

Netsukis: Mr. Stephen Barnett, 44 Farnham Road, North Shields, NE29 6AU, would like to contact shipmates of his late father, CPO Engineman Harry Barnett, who served in the Dover flare drifter Netsukis.

HMS Ganges 1939-39. Mr. R. Gill (ex-L/S) of 39 Parmann Road, Penryn, Cornwall TR10 8BU, would like to hear from any of 74 class, also any old shipmates of HMS Valiant 1939-41, HMS Queenborough 1942-43, HMS Cattistock 1945.

HMS Atmosphere: Mr. F. Sylvester (tel. Nottingham 0602-323356) would like to contact his Second World War shipmate Stanley Twiddy.

Grenville: Mr. Stan Sharp (ex-ldg sig), 1 Oakwood Close, Church Fenton, Tadcaster, LS24 9SJ, would like to contact other members of the SCV13 class (1942) at the Grenville Sea Cadet Training School.

HMS Finesse 1941-45: Mr. F. N. Jenkins, 40 Heol Carnau, Ely, Cardiff, CF3 5NE, would like to contact former shipmates.

MMS 217 (1944-46): Mr. Ron Holloway, 29 Grovehall Parade, Beeston, Leeds LS11 7AE (tel. 0532-712877) is seeking fellow crew members.

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HMS Caradoc: Mr. R. Smith, 1 Quarry Cottages, St Fagans, Cardiff, CF5 6DZ, has a copy of "With HMS Caradoc Round South America" (1929) and would be pleased to give it to the first interested applicant.

HMS Hecla: Mr. D. Shadwell, 1 Eskdale Walk, Ambleside, Brierley Hill, West Midlands, DY5 3SG, would like to contact anyone who knew his uncle, AB G. Taylor, who was lost in the sinking off the north coast of Africa in November 1942.

Battle Memory: Mr. Heimit Meerstein, Steltenbergstr 15, 5800 Hagen 5, Federal Republic of Germany, would like to contact crew members of HM destroyers Lookout and Meteor involved in the battle with German T-boats on March 19, 1945. Survivors of TA 29 meet regularly.

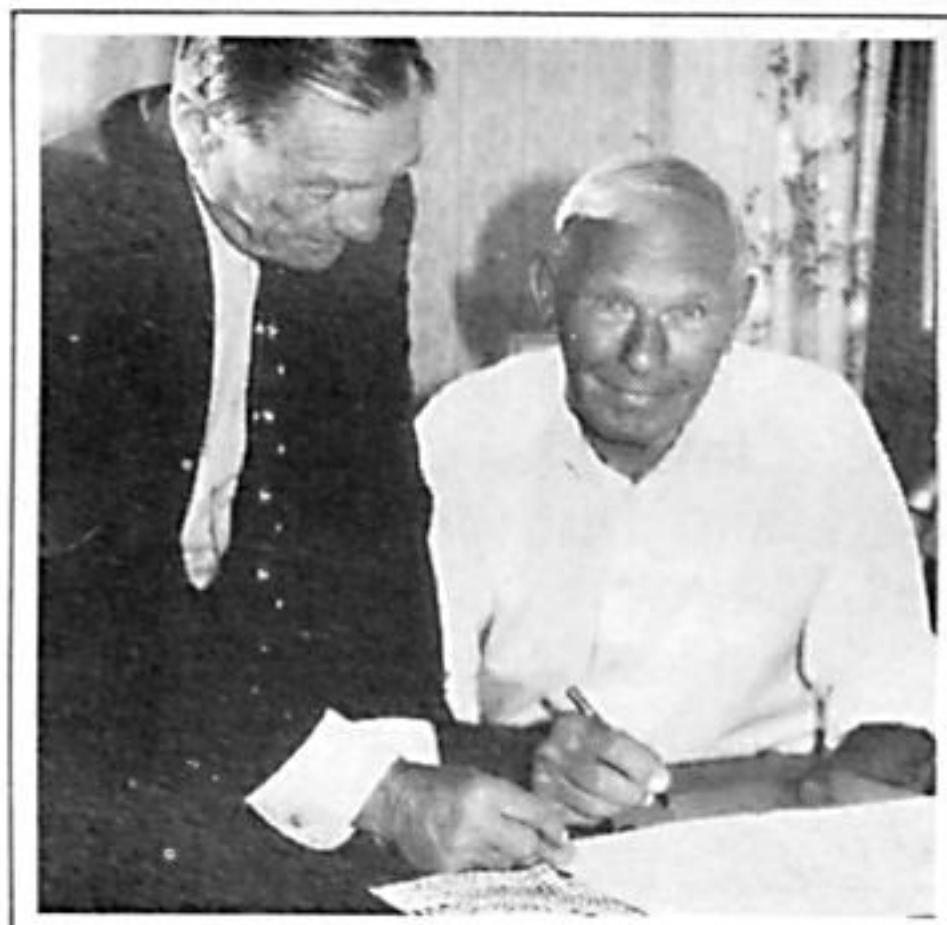
HMS Arethusa: Lieut.-Col. M. Chilcott, Headquarters, South-East District, Steeles Road, Aldershot, researching the ship's role in battles fought by 9 Para, would like to hear from former crew members.

SCC Appeal: Winchester Sea Cadet Corps, TS Itchen, would welcome volunteers for unit committees. Please contact Mr. R.S.R. Tilley, 17 Buriton Road, Harestock, Winchester.

HMS Greyhound: Mr. D. Hill, "Rusland," Street End Lane, Broad Oak, Heathfield, TN21 8JG, would like to contact anyone who knew his father, lost on May 22, 1941, in the Battle of Crete.

HMS Condor: Mr. C.T. Parsons, 67 Windsor Drive, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 1RL writes: "I am researching the history of Kelly Castle, Arbrifort, Angus, when it was used as detached sick quarters, and would appreciate information."

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HUNDREDS of high rise blocks today mark the city of Murmansk but for a group of veterans — members of the North Russia Club, returning there after 40 years — it was a city of memories.

Murmansk greeted the eleven veterans as wartime heroes, the warmth of welcome more than compensating for the snow and ice which had the city in its grip. They were accommodated in the first-class new Astra hotel on the site of the wartime one and received VIP treatment throughout their stay.

They were welcomed by the Mayor and civic dignitaries and thanked for the part they played in the Great Patriotic War. Gifts and mementos of their visit were presented.

A plaque made by Southampton branch member, Shipmate Edward Honey (ex-HMS Peacock), was presented to the Mayor.

During their four-day stay, which received good Press

coverage, every facility was provided. Visits were made to the War Memorial and Tombs of the Unknown Warriors on the highest point of Murmansk and to the graves of the British sailors in the memorial complex. Relatives of those lost will



At the British Sailors' Memorial complex in Murmansk, members of the North Russia Club prepare to lay flowers on the graves of T. R. Evans (HMS Matabele), J. E. Cast (HMS Gossamer), J. G. Robinson (HMS Eclipse) and W. Dixon (SBA).

be consoled to know that the graves are carefully tended.

Sight-seeing trips and social occasions were also high on the agenda, the veterans meeting

their Soviet "oppos" in the International Seamen's Club and having a tour of Murmansk Docks and a visit to a fish factory ship followed by one to a school which had served as a hospital during the war, where they were greeted by singing schoolchildren.

On the final day, after a tour of the city and a shopping trip, the party left for a two-day sightseeing visit to Leningrad, which included a trip in a hydrofoil on the River Neva to a summer palace.

The visit to Murmansk was a sequel to one made in 1986 by Mr. William Short, ex-Merchant Navy and survivor of the ss

Induna, who was also in this year's group. The party included three wives, three relatives of those lost on Russian convoys, and ex-Navy and ex-Merchant Navy personnel, representing branches throughout the country.

They were Shipmates Frank Green and Reg Tappin (HMS Keppel), Sydney Bebbington (HMS Norfolk), Arnold Barrett (HMS Furious), William Gleeson (HMS Vindex), Ernest Atkinson (HMS Sweetbriar), William Short and Austin Byrne (ss Induna), David Craig (ss Dover Hill), Rex Rothwell (Empire Starlight) and Frank Dolphin (Empire Horn).

Tournament pride

THE image of the association was greatly enhanced at the Royal Tournament, Earls Court, when 183 RNA standards — the largest number to date — were paraded, supported by the Royal Navy's Massed Volunteer Bluejackets Band.

"A performance to be proud of" was the verdict of those present who watched Admiral Sir William Staveley, the First Sea Lord take the salute and the President, Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi, present the association's trophy to the Battery Commander.

Bristol seeks club site

A PROBLEM shared may be a problem solved for Bristol if someone in the area can suggest where the branch can find suitable premises for a club.

Although assured of brewery backing, the branch has failed to find a site and with membership on the increase a permanent roof is urgently needed. Anyone who can help is asked to contact Shipmate Maurice Tubey, 10 Gold Park Gardens, Withywood, Bristol BS13 8NL. Shipmate Eddie Connolly of Bodmin, landlord of The Weavers pub, hoped the Navy could solve the mystery of how a rose emblem plaque from the wartime HMS York came to hang in his pub.

Midshipman David Bence was unable to throw light on the matter, however, when he accepted the plaque on behalf of the present York.

A team of runners from the stand-by crew of HMS Cornwall were warmly welcomed by the branch during a charity run through Cornwall which raised £3,000 for St Christopher's Home for Disabled Children, Redruth.

Retirement from the Navy does not mean being left on the beach, writes Shipmate Judy Adams of Brentwood. On reading that the Mayor of Dorchester is an ex-Navy man (Navy News, Aug), she reveals that her husband, an ex-Ganges boy, is chairman of Brentwood District Council, having served as a councillor for the past 11 years.

"Nice to see that the best traditions of the Service are continued ashore," she says.

Shipmates of Ayr and Prest-

wick helped reunite 200 ex-Scotias during a week-end at Butlin's Camp, Ayr, where they had trained as communicators between 1942 and 1946.

The Provost of Kyle and Carrick hosted a reception for the visitors who were addressed by the branch president, Capt. John Gower, and Cdr. C. Walker RNR, commanding officer, HMS Scotia.

The triumphant return of athlete Pat Moore, whose father Barry is a member of Beccles, was celebrated by fellow shipmates who helped raise £225 towards the travel costs of Pat to the US to compete in the Special Olympics for the handicapped.

Pat returned with a silver medal for the women's long jump event.

There were celebrations also to mark the departure from Lowestoft shipyard of the sail training ship, Young Endeavour, Britain's gift to mark the 200th anniversary of Australia.

The branch served as a second home for members of her permanent crew since joining the ship earlier in the year. A round of social evenings and parties were held to give the crew of the ship a good send-off.

In return, the ship entertained 48 members of the branch on board and to the delight of the ship's skipper, a Young Endeavour badge, designed by Shipmate Roy Ainscough, was presented.

A special fund to help finance the golden anniversary of Reading branch on September 27 was generously supported and celebrations to mark the occasion went with a swing. As a reward

for service, Shipmate Ken Mayes, social and branch secretary, was honoured with life membership.

The departure of HMS Cavalier from Brighton to Hebburn-on-Tyne prompts Wigston and District branch to write in the hope that no further moves will be necessary. Like other branches, members have subscribed to the HMS Cavalier Trust.

Torbay will lay-up their standard and dedicate the new on October 4 at St Paul's Church, Preston, Paignton. Those who

wish to attend should muster at Preston Gardens car park before 2.10 p.m.

Members of Leighton-Linslade enjoyed the Royal Tournament and raised £23 on the homeward journey from a raffle for their adopted charity. The branch has on display a proud memento — a copper rivet from the bows of HMS Victory. Presented to the branch by Shipmate Dave Kazmark of the US Navy, it was mounted on an engraved plate by Shipmate Tony Billing of Beccles branch.

It has been a busy time for members of Kingston-Upon-Thames, 14 of whom visited Portsmouth and HMS Illustrious while others chose Plymouth Navy Days. Three

members and wives on a visit to the Edinburgh Tattoo stopped over at Stockton-on-Tees where fellow shipmates made them very welcome. The branch now has the honour of a president — Rear Admiral James Dunbar.

August 16 was Oldham's big day when the branch standard was dedicated at a service attended by 500 shipmates parading 46 standards. Following the service the salute was taken by Capt. R. Walker, of HMS Eaglet. At a reception after the ceremony, tots were provided free by courtesy of Woods 100.

Doncaster members enjoyed an outing to Oldham branch which staged a Sods Opera to entertain the guests. The Doncaster branch raised £100 for Doncaster Royal Infirmary which will help purchase two cot beds for the children's ward.

Brighton and Hove marked the branch's golden anniversary at a social evening attended by 80 guests followed by a church parade on Sunday July 12.

The claim by Hillmorton (September Navy News) to have set a record for commissioning and dedication of their standard in four months has been "shot down" by Chingford & Waltham Forest, whose members realised the same ambition in eleven-and-a-half weeks and now total 129. If any branch can beat this record — commissioned February 5, 1986, standard dedicated April 27, 1986, the branch would like to hear from them.

is presented, at a date to be arranged.

Anyone seeking tickets for the Royal Marines Band Concert at Gravesend, Woodville Hall on October 18 should telephone 0474-350992, between Thursday and Sunday after 7 p.m. The former branch padre, the Rev Hilary Day, is retiring to Hoo, near Rochester.

At Hanworth branch meeting on July 29, Shipmate Fred Wadley, vice-president, presented two cheques on behalf of the branch to Feltham Sea Cadet Unit, TS Oberon — one a gift of £500, the other a £2,500 loan to finance building costs of their headquarters.

Members of Dursley and District regret that Reunion weekend coincided with the dedication and hanging of the ship's bell of HMS Wotton in their parish church of St Mary Wotton under Edge, Gloucestershire. The branch organised the event but had no control over the date.

Shipmate Tom Davies, national council member No 7 Area, with members of Builth Wells and Barry branches, attended the funeral of a grand old man, Shipmate F. W. Ebbett, who, at the age of 100 expressed a wish to become a member of the association. He proudly received his membership badge in July.

An 86in. model of HMS Hood was unveiled at Stourbridge branch by Shipmate Les Ellesmore of West Bromwich who served in the Hood in 1935. The model was the work of Stourbridge member, Shipmate Dave Weaver, who incidentally has 76 cap tallies he is ready to swap.

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CAN THE NEW TEAM DO IT AGAIN?

OCTOBER 21 marks the 182nd anniversary of the battle of Trafalgar and the opening game of the 1987/88 season for the Royal Navy rugby squad, writes **Jim Clark**. In a home fixture at Burnaby Road, the Navy kick off at 1430 against Hampshire who will be keen to avenge the 24-13 defeat they experienced last year.

Whether or not the county side will be able to realise their aim will depend largely on the ability of the Navy squad to effectively knit together this early in the season.

Several of last season's championship side players are no longer available and the advantage of the close links forged between players on the 1986 tour of Australia has largely dissipated, leaving the selector Tony Hallett with an interesting and challenging task if he is to produce another

RUGBY

unconquerable side.

Indeed this early season fixture may be the only chance for him to see new players and for them to show their skill before the post-Christmas work up to the inter-Service games. This is because the December 9 fixture against Cornwall may suffer as a result of late additions to Cornwall's and the Combined Services' fixture lists.

South Korea will be on tour in December and will play the Combined Services on the 9th, having played Cornwall only four days before. It is therefore likely that neither the Navy nor Cornwall will be at full strength on the programmed fixture date and alternative dates are now being considered.

The senior side will not be the first representative side into

action as the colts opened their season with fixtures against Gosport and Winchester in September and play Worthing on October 4, Devon on October 10, and Somerset on October 24, the last two matches being played at the Keyham ground at Devonport.

Finally the Royal Navy Rugby Union will entertain Mr John Burgess and Mr Dudley Wood, respectively the president and secretary of the Rugby Football Union, members of the Hampshire RFU and representatives of the national and local press to lunch in the wardroom, HMS Nelson, prior to the RN v Hants match.

It is a mark of the interest shown in Navy rugby that RFU officials and the press are attending this opening fixture and it is hoped that this year's squad will produce attractive, winning rugby to maintain and foster that interest.

Dorset brings out the best

TWO wins, a draw and only one loss marked a fine improvement in the Navy's performance at the top level Eight Counties tournament, writes **Alan Walker**. This was a several degrees better than last year when the highlight was two draws.

The tournament was hosted by Dorset and held at Weymouth, with each team playing four matches. New team manager Lieut. Tony Lages (HMS Dryad) and his predecessor Lieut.-Cdr. Mike Worrall (HMS Collingwood) were well pleased with the performance of their 22-strong team.

Wins were scored over Dorset 1-0 (scorer Lieut. Stephen Askins (RM Poole)), and Buckinghamshire 2-0 (scorers CPOMEA Graeme Mather (HMS Birmingham), and AEAAPP Scott Mitchell (London Flight)). A 0-0 draw against county champions Worcestershire compensated for a 2-4 loss against a fairly strong Oxfordshire side (scorers WEM Chris Stonier (HMS Dryad) and Lieut. Ian Bisson (Greenwich Naval College)).

The under-21 inter-command indoor and outdoor competitions take place at Portland on October 3-4. Those who would

HOCKEY

like to play should contact their command representatives or Lieut.-Cdr. Alan Walker on Portsmouth Naval Base ext: 24131. Players who are unavailable for this competition but would like to be considered for other matches should also con-

tact Lieut.-Cdr. Walker. The senior inter-command competitions will be played in Portsmouth on October 25-27 and under-21 players may well be selected.

The first Navy under-21 outing is likely to be the inter-Service indoor competition on November 23-25 at RAF Newton.

Six-a-side

THERE was a good turnout of teams from 14 Portsmouth-based ships for the area six-a-side hockey tournament. The ships involved ranged from two carriers, the Ark Royal and the Illustrious, to a ton class minesweeper, HMS Hubberston, and the survey vessel HMS Roebuck.

Teams losing in the first round played for the plate, while the winners went forward to the quarter-finals, competing for the trophy and individual medals. The plate was eventually won by HMS Bristol after an exciting match against HMS Roebuck which went to penalty flicks.

The eventual winners, HMS Achilles, captained by Sub-Lieut. Andy Barber, conceded only one goal on their way to a thrilling victory. Their first match against HMS Newcastle resulted in a 3-0 win, followed by a 2-0 victory against HMS Hermione in the quarter-finals.

The sixth frigate squadron was well represented in the semi-finals by her HM ships Achilles, Ariadne and Juno. The other semi-finalist was the Illustrious.

Ariadne beat a well organised Illustrious team 1-0, and Achilles beat Juno 3-1 with goals from Barber, CPO Jed Stone and LPT Mark Crompton, to set up an enthralling final.

The game began at a furious pace but settled down quickly. After only two minutes a penalty flick was awarded to Achilles after a player was

brought down in the area. The flick rebounded off the post and the miss only refuelled HMS Achilles' fire and two goals were scored either side of half time, to leave the final score at 2-0.



The victorious HMS Achilles team. In the back row from left to right, LPT Mark Crompton, CPO Jed Stone, Sub-Lieut. Matthew Dean and PO Dolly Gray, and in the front, LSTWD Paddy Barrett, Sub-Lieut. Andy Barber and CPO Al Dickinson.

Touring scorer

CRICKET

LIEUT.-CDR. Jim Danks, honorary secretary of the Royal Navy Cricket Club, was the envy of many of his club members when he spent his summer leave touring England with the Rest of the World Cricket team, prior to their match against the MCC in the Bi-Centenary test at Lords.

Jim acted as scorer at matches at Arundel, West Bromwich, Dartmouth, Old Trafford, and Bristol as well as the test. He travelled with the team in an executive coach, staying in hotels en route. Rain intervened at all the matches, except Bristol where a wonderful three days of sunshine was reflected by some marvellous cricket, notably from Dilip Vengsarkar and Desmond Haynes.

He particularly enjoyed the luxury of not having to operate the scoreboard as well as the book, and found he had much more time to prepare the facts and figures required by the press. Useful techniques were picked up from the county scorers, and in particular Eddie Solomon the MCC official scorer at Lords.

Highlights of the tour included a pre-match dinner at the Guildhall where Jim met many of his boyhood heroes such as Keith Miller, Everton Weekes and Vijay Hazare. He was also presented with a set of goblets by the secretary of the MCC.

FOUR TOPS!

AT THE Weston-Super-Mare water-polo festival the Royal Navy played four games and won four, an especially impressive achievement as they were playing with a depleted team.

The scores were: Weston 2 RN 8, Coventry 4 RN 10, Swindon 3 RN 7, Bristol 5 RN 7. Top scorer was Lieut. Rob Heatly (RM Scotland) who scored seven goals in three games.

For his swansong outgoing coach Terry Holder (HMS Defiance) now concentrates on the Navy's trip to Berlin to play in the Berlin water-polo club's prestigious tournament to celebrate the city's 700th anniversary.

WATER POLO

A successor for Terry is being sought, to take up the position from November 1. Applications from previous and current players are invited and should be made to Lieut.-Cdr. Alan Walker, the Hon. Secretary of the Royal Navy Amateur Swimming Association, Portsmouth Naval Base ext: 24131. The successful applicant might be included on the Berlin trip.

Early visit for Police

IN A departure from tradition the RN v British Police fixture will be played at the start of the season at the HMS Nelson gym. This should ensure a full strength Navy side to take part in the contests which will be for two teams on a matched basis, allowing the second string Navy boxers to show their skills.

Attendance to the dinner show is by invitation only, with proceeds going to naval and Police charities.

A boxing officials course will be held at HMS Collingwood between November 3-5. For further details contact MAA George Griffin, MCTC, Berechurch Hall Road,

BOXING

Colchester, Essex CO2 9NU, tel: 0206-85815 ext. 3469.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

October
23: RN v British Police; HMS Nelson. 30: RN v NW Counties; Liverpool.

November
7: RN v London; Channel Islands. 10: RN v Fitzroy Lodge; London. 13: CSBA v US Armed Forces (Europe); FRG Heidelberg. 18: RN v Southern Counties; HMS Nelson. 25-26: RN Intermediate Championships; HMS Drake.

December
4: RN v Warwickshire; Coventry. 11: RN v Home Counties; Luton.

Mixed fortunes

HONOURS in the Surveying Flotilla's summer sports competitions were spread fairly evenly, with teams from five different ships taking prizes.

At cricket HMS Hecla proved too strong for the cup holders HMS Fawn, and took the trophy by a winning margin of 100 runs. The man of the match award went to LRO(T) Roger Gardner for his 24 runs and three wickets.

The "Olympics" held at Brickfields, were well supported by competitors and families. After an exciting afternoon of sport the Hydrographer's Trophy was shared by HM ships Hecate and Fox, with the tug-of-war cup being won convincingly by HMS Roebuck.

The individual tennis tournament ended on a note of personal triumph for Lieut. Paul Woodley (HMS Beagle), who won the singles, the doubles with Lieut. John Marsh, and the mixed doubles with his wife. The veterans event was won by Rev. Michael Thayer, chaplain to the Surveying Flotilla.

KARATE

CLUB members from HMS Sultan were treated to a training seminar with Mr K. Chesterman, a fourth Dan TAGB. It was an extremely strenuous occasion, but was thoroughly enjoyed by all those taking part. At the end of the seminar a grading was held to assess some of the members, and 12 yellow belts were awarded.

One of the visiting participants was LAEM Tug Wilson who is trying to form an RN Karate Association. He would like anyone practising martial arts to contact him at HMS Heron, ext. 6106.

A further five training seminars are planned for the autumn term, for details contact CMEM(M) Dave Roberts on HMS Sultan ext. 2476.

GLOUCESTER'S HOT RECORD

WHEN HMS Gloucester returned to Portsmouth from Armilla Patrol she was presented with the Mike Till Trophy after breaking the 100-man relay race record at sea, while on passage to Mombasa earlier in the year.

With the temperature topping a tough 108F, the Gloucester team romped home in the mile-long upper deck run in 9 hr. 28 min. 13 sec., beating HMS Liverpool's previous record by 10 min. 36 sec.

Fastest time of the day was recorded by Lieut. John Burnip, who covered his mile in 4 min. 46 sec.

The trophy was presented to members of the successful Gloucester team by Capt. David Dobson, Captain of the Fleet.



NEWS IN BRIEF

TRAINING facilities for Navy cricketers have been greatly improved with the introduction of a new bowling machine.

The machine which was purchased with the aid of a grant from the Nuffield Trust can give the full range of deliveries with spin and swing at all speeds and lengths. This type of machine is accepted by first class cricketers and will be a very useful coaching aid for Navy players.

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LPT Ivan Torpey (HMS Jupiter) and Second Officer Sandy Pearce (COMMEN Whitehall), fresh from their inter-Services diving triumphs, have qualified as ASA diving teachers.

Divers of all standards are welcome to attend a diving proficiency course at HMS Caledonia on November 16-20. A diving officials qualifying course will also be held, anyone who would like to attend should contact Lieut.-Cdr. Walker on Portsmouth Naval Base ext: 24131.

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At the 1987 Sinclair Lang International Laser British Open and National Championships, ex-PO Stan Laurensen-Batten won the Grand Master's Trophy for the over 55 years of age category.

Stan, who is a member of the Royal Naval Sailing Association, won the event during the week long competition held at Largs in Ayrshire.

TENNIS

AT LONG last the Royal Naval indoor tennis dome in Burnaby Road, Portsmouth, now has its own bar which has been christened "The Bubble", writes Roger Scutt.

With financial help from NAAFI and generous support from Allied Breweries the tennis dome reception area has been converted into a comfortable and friendly lounge bar. Rear-Admiral Tony Norman, the chairman of the Royal Naval Lawn Tennis Association, conducted the official opening ceremony, and qualified as a barman by pulling the first pint.

The bar offers competitive prices as well as "pub grub" and filter coffee, and it is hoped that Royal Navy personnel, particularly sportsmen and women, will make frequent use of its facilities.

Exciting win raises inter- Service hopes

BY THE closest of margins, decided by a count-back, the Royal Navy won the prestigious Denham Bowl held at Denham Golf Club near Uxbridge, writes Roger Knight.

This competition was a 36-hole medal foursomes event played off scratch, with each invited club being represented by two pairs, all scores counting — a most difficult form of golf!

The Navy's two teams were Lieut.-Cdr. Malcolm Edmunds

(RNAS Culdrose) and Lieut.-Cdr. Ian Yuill (CINFLEET WE), and Lieut.-Cdr. Alan Bray (CINFLEET) and Surg. Lieut.(D) Phil Guest (HMS Raleigh). Among the other invited clubs taking part were The Honourable Company, Prestwick, The Berkshire, Worplesdon and the other two

GOLF

Services.

To win this event just prior to the inter-Service championships was a terrific morale booster for the Navy team.

The leading pair of Edmunds and Yuill played steadily all day and returned the very creditable scores of 76 and 74 against a par of 70. Bray and Guest were a trifle unlucky in their morning round of 79 with the ball running unkindly for them on two or three occasions.

However, after lunch they really hit good form and scored an excellent 70, which could have been even better as putting lapses caused them to drop three shots in the last four holes. But there was no need for regrets, as the combined score turned out to be good enough to claim victory.

ALL RISE IN FINAL EVENT

CYCLISTS from all three services came to HMS Daedalus to compete in the final inter-Service events of the year, the hill climb and 40-mile road race.

A field of 40 riders were set off at minute intervals on a wet and blustery Saturday afternoon to tackle the short but steep rise from Southwick village to the top of Portchester Hill.

Nigel Vickers of the Army set the fastest time with 2 min. 54 sec., and top Navy rider was POAEM(R) Chris Absolum (HMS Gannet) with 3 min. 04.9 sec. The Navy team came in second behind the Army, with scoring rides from CPO Paul Cross (HMS Defiance) and PO(MA) Paul Graham (RNH Haslar), as well as Absolum.

HMS Daedalus's airfield provided the circuit for the road race, with 45 riders attempting 15 laps of the track. Andy Espley of the RAF attacked from the start and built himself a lead that he kept for the rest of the race.

He was chased by a bunch of some 15 riders including five Navy cyclists but, as the pace increased and competitors started to

CYCLING

drop back, only Absolum and CPO Mike Marchant (FMG Portsmouth) from the Navy managed to keep up with the pack of ten that kept Espley in their sights.

Espley beat the group home by 65 sec., and then with a hectic sprint for the line the Army's Vickers beat Marchant into third place. Absolum came eighth and LWEA Ian Wright (HMS Collingwood) picked up Navy colours by coming in eleventh overall.

Prizes were presented by the chairman of the Royal Navy Cycling Club, Surg. Capt. J. Young (Institute of Naval Medicine).

Anyone interested in cycling for the Navy next year, or taking part in the RN hill climb on October 31 at Southwick, should contact the general secretary of the RN Cycle Club, Lieut. Martin Warren, MT School, HMS Collingwood.

Double triumph

BY beating all the other commands in the Inter-Command Match Play Championships held at the Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club, Deal, the Naval Air Command added to the Inter-Command Stroke Play championships they had won at Glasgow Gailes Golf Club earlier in the year.

However they were made to fight all the way by Fleet whom they defeated in the very last match.

Prizes were presented by a former captain of Navy golf, Capt. Bob Worlidge to the winning team's players, captain CPO Peter Hayden, Lieut.-Cdr. Malcolm Edmunds, CPO Mick Filleul, CPO Pat Smith, PO Peter Darlington (all from RNAS Culdrose), Lieut. Pat Lynch (RNAS Yeovilton) and Lieut. Euan Hardman (RAF Whyton).



Golden shot

PO Phillip Hobson (HMS Sultan) has had another successful year shooting for the Royal Navy. A former UK Rifle Champion, and competitor for Great Britain, Phillip won the Navy pistol and rifle championship at Bisley.

VOLLEYBALL

FORTHCOMING fixtures for the three Royal Navy teams are as follows. The men's team play in national league division 3, the WRNS play in national league division 2, and the Tridents in the South West regional league, premier division.

OCTOBER

4: RN v Hemel Hempstead v Portsmouth at HMS Collingwood. 18: RN v Britannia v Havant at Havant LC. 25: RN Tridents v Atlas Wessex v Westward at RM Poole.

NOVEMBER

1: WRNS v Chelmsford v Atlas Wessex at HMS Collingwood. 6-9: Guernsey Tournament (RN) at Beau Sejour SC. 15: RN Tridents v Torrex v Weymouth at Weymouth. WRNS v Southgate v Ashcombe at Ashcombe. 22: RN v Sussex Nomads v Carshalton at HMS Collingwood. 29: RN Tridents v Bristol University v Gloucester at Gloucester.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY BENEFITS

WINTER SPORTS

BENEFITS for members of the Royal Navy Winter Sports Association have greatly improved this season. For a £5 annual subscription members can get up to ten per cent off holidays booked direct with certain tour operators, year-round discounts at a large number of shops, 17.5 per cent off one ferry company's fares, reduced subscriptions to skiing publications and special ski equipment offers.

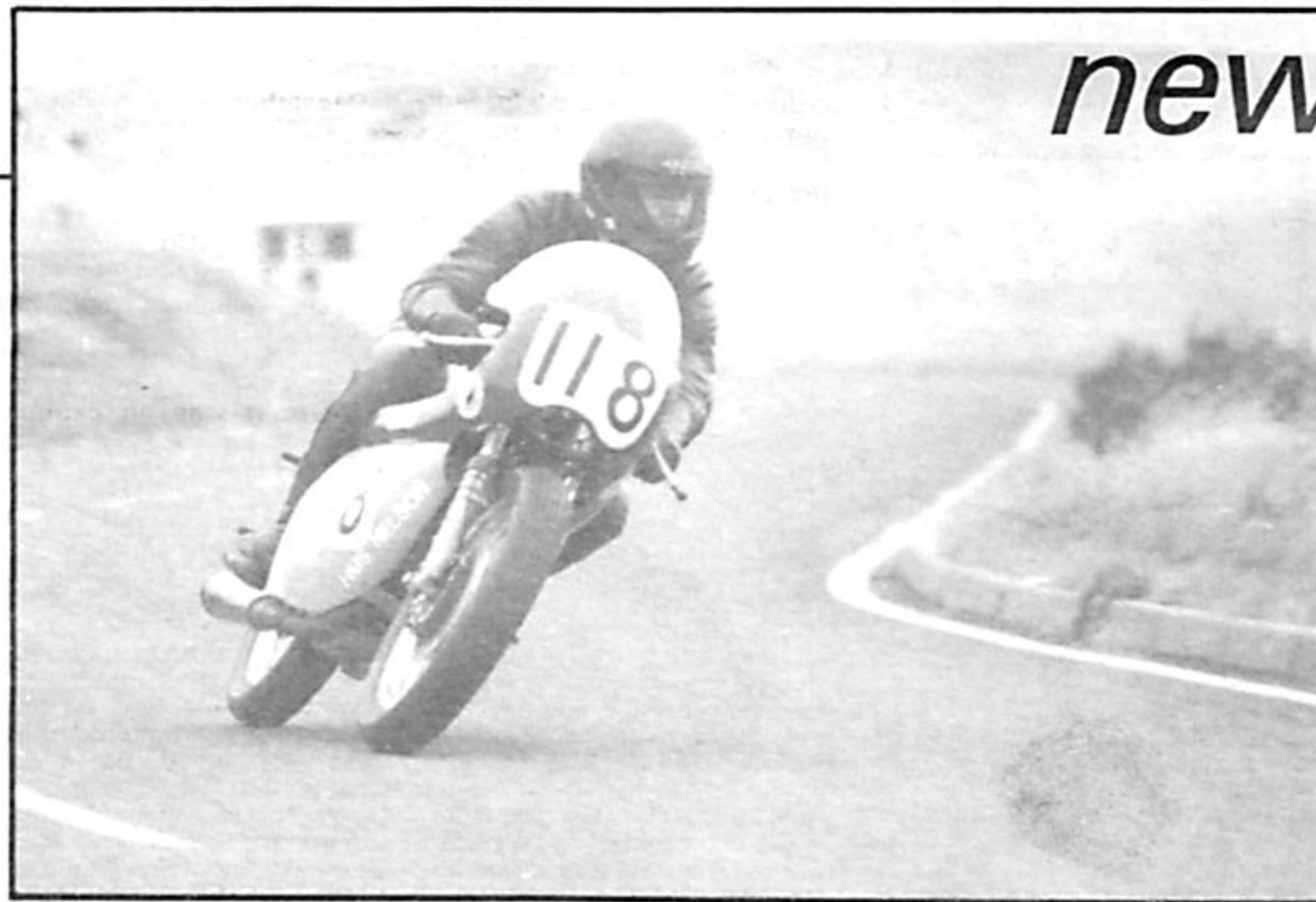
The RNSC holiday office in Sussex has been closed to make way for a new arrangement. Tailor-made holidays are now available at all the hotels used in the past from a small friendly agent, Ashley Evans Travel Ltd., 196 Castlenau, London SW13 9DW, tel: 01 748 0211. In addition members are allowed four per cent off any ABTA holidays booked through this agent.

Julia Beldam, a keen skier and Swiss specialist also offers the member benefits on holidays booked through her at East Lodge Farm, Stanton, Broadway, Worcestershire, tel: 038 673 478.

Non-members can join the Association at the time of booking, though it should be noted that civilians must be proposed and seconded by existing members. Full details of the RNSWA, which exists to help fund RN representative teams as well as for the benefit of members, can be obtained from the Hon. Membership Secretary, 111 Camden Mews, London NW1 and from the Year Book which is distributed throughout every ship and establishment.

The new winter sports season starts with the Artificial Slope Championships at Hillingdon on October 2. The AGM and cocktail party take place in London on November 20.

Motor sports link to form new association



MOTOR CYCLING

SOLE Service representative in the 1987 Classic Manx Grand Prix, was Lieut.-Cdr. Cliff Shorter who finished an excellent twenty-seventh in the 350cc race. The race was run in near perfect conditions with few incidents, and new race and lap records were established.

Cliff Shorter is the competition secretary of the Royal Naval Motor Cycle Club and also secretary of the new RN and RM Motor Sport Association which has been formed to draw together all the various forms of motor and motor cycle sport within the Navy.

A revival of the old RN and RM Motoring Association, the new organisation intends to act as a single point of contact between DNPTS and member

organisations, administering the central funds allocated to motor sport and providing a point of focus for motor sporting matters within the Service.

Membership is restricted to clubs, societies or organisations which exist within the RN and RM.

Anyone wishing to join should contact Lieut.-Cdr. Shorter at the Base Education Centre, HMS Nelson, Portsmouth Naval Base.

Left: Lieut.-Cdr. Cliff Shorter competing in the Classic Manx Grand Prix.

Mine ships end their long haul to Middle East trouble-spot



HUNT-class mine ship HMS Hurworth is pictured above in the Gibraltar area en route to the Middle East with the MCM Gulf task group. Meanwhile (left) the frigate Andromeda takes leave of the supertanker BT Banker after accompanying her through the Strait of Hormuz.

Busy departure preparations in the UK went well for the Hurworth — but left a bitter taste (or lack of it) for some on board: £100 worth of

beer belonging to the senior rates mess went "missing" while standing on the jetty at Rosyth.

A note on behalf of the mess states that they hope whoever took the five kegs appreciate what the loss means to such a small mess. "Maybe they will choke on it while reading this," they add.

Pictures: LA(Phot) Wayne Humphreys and Ralph Need (Gulf)

Glasgow returns

DURING her extended five-month deployment as West Indies guardship, HMS Glasgow steamed over 24,000 miles and completed 24 visits.

The original three-month deployment was extended to five when Royal Navy force levels in the Gulf area were increased.

Venezuela

The Glasgow became the first RN ship for 17 years to visit Maracaibo in Venezuela and was overwhelmed by the tremendous hospitality of the South American people and by the many thousands who visited the ship.

Before returning home to Rosyth, the ship visited Kingston, Jamaica, to take part in the celebrations to commemorate 25 years of independence, and called at the Turks and Caicos islands. Her place as West Indies guardship was taken by HMS Arrow.

HUNTS START WORK IN GULF

MINE HUNTERS of the Royal Navy's Armilla patrol began operations in the Gulf of Oman in September after completing their final preparations for work.

First port of call on their long haul to the Middle East was Gibraltar where the ships spent a few days "fine-tuning" and sharpening skill. From there they sailed on to the Suez and Djibouti — where they made a short supply stop.

Final call was Mina Raysut, Oman, where the group geared up to operational readiness before beginning work in the Gulf of Oman.

With the task group at sea, the Families Services and Families Link organisation has been passing on news through

meetings and news letters. Meanwhile, ships' company members can look forward to a spell of cooler weather at the end of the year when, as families will also be pleased to hear, home leave is planned.

Christmas

Men from HM ships Hurworth and Brocklesby will be flown to RAF Brize Norton for two weeks' Christmas leave, and it is hoped to be able to fly the Scottish residents on to RAF Turnhouse.

When the Hurworth and Brocklesby men return to the Gulf, company members from the Bicester and Brecon will fly home on leave for the New Year.

The task group support ship HMS Abdiel will stagger her leave over six weeks, with one-third of her complement on leave at a time. The first of the Abdiel men are due home in early December.

Playing it cool

From front page

the others on "accompanying" duties and periods of maintenance and rest and recreation.

In late September five members of the Fleet Diving Group, based at Vernon, Portsmouth, flew to the Gulf to tackle unexploded ordnance on board the tanker Gentle Breeze which had earlier been attacked by rockets in the north of Bahrain.

Members of this group are specialists in underwater repair work, with expertise in explosive ordnance disposal.

Meanwhile ships which recently departed the patrol have been reaching home. One arrived with her "ship's company" more than doubled and her decks crowded. Nearly 500 wives, children, relatives and friends had joined HMS Cardiff at Portland to sail up Channel to Portsmouth for a happy reunion with their menfolk.

NEW ASSAULT-SHIP STUDIES BEGIN

CONTRACTS have been placed for competitive feasibility studies into the design of a new ship which might replace the Royal Navy's assault ships.

The studies, due to last a year, will be made by Swan Hunter Shipbuilders in conjunction with Ferranti; VSEL in conjunction with CAP; and Scott Lithgow (together with BAe and Three

Quays Marine).

Government has said it intends to retain amphibious capability in the longer term, and HM ships Fearless and Intrepid are currently planned to run on at least to the mid-1990s.

The choice is whether to refit them for a longer life — a study into feasibility of this having already been completed — or replace them with new ships.



The ship's company of HMS Andromeda are addressed on the importance of the Armilla operation by the Commander-in-Chief Fleet, Admiral Sir Julian Oswald. Admiral Oswald went on board the frigate and the tanker RFA Brambleleaf during a visit to the Gulf.

Picture: LA(Phot) Ralph Need

ENDURANCE IS BACK IN BUSINESS

ICE PATROL ship HMS Endurance was rededicated in Devonport Dockyard on September 18 after a 15-month refit which is expected to give her at least ten more years of useful life.

Most striking change to the Red Plum's familiar outline results from alterations and improvements to her flight deck, which has been shortened, and to her hangar, which has a new door.

She will now be able to carry and operate two longer-range, higher performance Lynx patrol helicopters to replace her Wasps.

She has also had a full, main-engine overhaul and has had new alternating current electricity generating and distribution

equipment installed.

Other modifications to make the red-hulled vessel better equipped for further service in the hostile waters of the South Atlantic include the installation of new fire fighting and fire prevention systems, updated communications and sonar systems and improved accommodation.

After trials, work-up and a visit to her home port of Portsmouth, the ship is due to leave for Antarctic patrol on November 24.

Spearfish in service soon

SPEARFISH, the heavy-weight torpedo will soon enter service with the Royal Navy's submarine fleet.

Claimed to be the most advanced submarine-launched torpedo in production in the world, Spearfish has a powerful on-board tactical computer and draws extensively on technology developed for the Sting Ray programme.

During the Royal Navy Equipment Exhibition at Portsmouth in September, Marconi Underwater Systems announced that the first production "warshot" torpedo and support equipment had been delivered to the RN.

The Navy can now begin a familiarisation programme at the new facility at Beith, near Glasgow, for introduction into service.

Marconi have also supplied more than 230 different items of automatic equipment for test, handling and storage to enable the RN to complete the final stages of the development — proving and integration trials.

Marconi say that Spearfish, a fast, agile and deep-diving weapon, is the most advanced heavyweight torpedo in production in the world. In spite of recent advances in both conventional and nuclear submarine design, Spearfish will counter the submarine threat for the next 20 years.

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